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OF

THE FAMILY OF HATTON.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, London, July 2d, 1681.

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This morning, ye Kg surprized every body that is not a Privy Counsellor by coming by 8 a clock to town, and sat imediately in councell. The matter was, my Lord Shaftsbury was seized by a Sarjeant at Armes (Mr Deerham) this morning in his bed and brought to ye Councell, and, after having bine examined, was committed to ye Tower upon a warrant of high treason, wch was sworn agst him by four persons. The Judges were sent for to ye Councell, and they all declared wht was sworn agst him to be high treason. The persons that have sworn are one Haynes,[a] who my Lord Shaftsbury had so much appeared to get a pardon for, one Rouse,[b] formerly a clerk, as I heare, to Sr Thomas Player, and Turbervill, and another[c] I know not. They say, too, that Turberville has

[a] Bryan Haynes, one of the principal witnesses against both College and Shaftesbury.

[b] This is a mistake. John Rouse was himself proceeded against, but the grand jury threw out the bill. He was afterwards executed for his part in the Rye House plot.

[c] Edward Turberville and John Macnamara.

sworn that all he sayd of my L[d] Stafford was fals. They talk too that Dugdale is come in, too, to sweare on that side. It was sayd that there are warrants out for severall others. My L[d] of Essex was named; but I beleeve there is no such thing as to him, because I saw my Lord goe out of town this afternoone towards his own house, w[th] 5 or 6 of servants w[th] him on horsback; and I beleeve, by his equipage, he came to town but this morning. The King returnd to Windsor after dinner.

Plunket [a] and Fitzharris [b] were both executed yesterday. Plunket is generally pittied and beleeved to dye very innocent of w[ht] he was condemned. Fitzharris left a paper behind him to be given to his wife, in w[ch], I heard the K[g] say, he says that w[ht] he sayd in his examination before y[e] 2 sherriffs, when he was first taken, was dictated to him by the sherriffs, that is, as to y[e] Queen, y[e] Duke, my Lord Danby, and y[e] K[g] himself.

William Longueville.

My Lord, 9 July [1681].

Yesterday the bill of enditement ag[t] Colledge [c] was preferred to y[e] grand jury at old Baily; and Dugdale, Smith,[d] Haynes, and Macknamara, as also S[r] W[m] Jennings, were witnesses of his declaring a plott ag[t] y[e] King at Oxford, and of his professing treasonable designes, &c.; w[ch] being heard in y[e] court, y[e] jury did afterwards catechise in private, but on what grounds satisfyed I have not yett

[a] Oliver Plunket, titular primate of Ireland, the last victim of the Popish plot.

[b] Edward Fitzharris, the author of the Libel.

[c] Stephen College, the Protestant Joiner.

[d] John Smith, commonly called Narrative Smith, being the author of a Narrative of the Popish plot. He was sometime rector of St. Mary's, Colchester.

heard, but ignoramus was found. The Duke of Monmouth, Earles of Salsbury, Essex, cum aliis, Mr Ralph M[ontagu], and such like, were all there. Then came ye point whether ye habeas corpus for L^ds^ Shaftsbury and Howard [a] should bee granted, and ye judges (9 of them being there) declared it could not bee, as ye Tower not being within their commission of oyer and terminer. Upon ye Statute 3 Hen. 8 for correcting pannells of juryes, there was a paper printed, as also of another statute of Hen. 4, in Rastall at large; and ye judges in that could not doe ought by reason of ye statutes meaning only gaole delivery, whereas ye jury was returned on ye oyer and terminer commission. It is thought ye bills of inditement against ye L^ds^ were not preferred by reason of Colledge's case. Y^e^ sollicitor Whitacre [b] was committed yesterday to ye Tower. Fitzharris his last papers were very odd ones.

The same.

My Lord, 26 July [1681].

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The joyner is like to bee tryed by a speciall commiss^n^ at Oxford, and after him ye L^ds^ businesse comes on. My Lord Dorsett [c] is upon going beyond seas, as thought y^t^ hee may bee out of ye way when ye tryals come on. Tom of Ten Thousand or ye Protestant Squire [d] is most in talk for Lady Ogle, by ye meanes of ye Duke's Mr Bret.[e] Y^e^ Duke is like to returne after his parl^t^ over in Scotland. Y^e^ poore protestants [f] are to bee collected for next weeke

[a] Lord Howard of Escrick had been committed to the Tower for contriving Fitzharris's libel.

[b] Edward Whitaker.

[c] Charles Sackville, 6th Earl of Dorset.

[d] Thomas Thynne.

[e] Richard Bret.

[f] The Huguenots who had escaped from persecution in France.

here, and ye Councill sitt oft about them, vizt in debate whither ye King may dispense with ye lawes about not exercising trades whereto they have not been prentices; if hee does, or does not, dispense with the lawes for them without parl^t^, what will follow?

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Your Lops. most obedient servant,

W. L.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, London, August 2^d^, 1681.

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I came but last night from Windsor. The P. of Orange, when he was heere, had addresses of all parties to him, Ld Russell, Sr Will: Jones, &c. He was invited to dine at Guidhal, wch he accepted; but ye K^g^ sent in ye morning to forbid it, wch was a greate disappointment to them, and I believe very dissatisfactory to ye Prince; but I beleeve that, since his coming to Windsor, the K^g^ has put him at ease, and I hope ye P. is so wise to take no party but ye King's. He leaves the K^g^ to-morrow and lyes at Arlington house at night; ye next night goes to Newhall, and next day to Harwich, where hee embarques for Holland.

There was to be a meeting yesterday, in ye afternoone, of all the ministers, that is to say, my Ld Hallifax, Hide, and Seymore,[a] and ye 2 secretaryes, wth ye P. of Orange, ye Spanish and Duch Ambassador. Y^e^ Spanish has made a chart of all the French conquests and pretentions, and this, by ye K^gs^ desire, to expose to them; wch I doubt not he did, and I wish they may take such resolutions upon as may be for ye generall good of Xtendome, before it be too late.

[a] Edward Seymour.

The phanatickes say they doe not yet discover if ye P. coming be to help or betray them.

Y^e^ Popish L^ds^ dined all wth ye L^t^ of ye Tower the other day; and the others are kept closs, but yet they have ye liberty of theyr wives and servants to come and goe at pleasure; wch I think is an odde way, for it hinders no correspondence. I heare y^t^ my Ld Shaftsbury is very confident he shall turn y^t^ batterie upon my Ld Hallifax; but it's good to ride ye fore hors.

The Countess of Manchester.

Whitehall, Aug. 2 [1681].

Haveinge recieved soe lately from my neice ye acount of her miscariage I hoped the danger had bine quite over, wch gave mee ye greater surprise when I found by your L^dsp^ letter she had bine soe very dangerously ill. She is of soe thinn and delicate a constitution, that I shall be very impatient untill I heare ye hopes you give mee in the later part of yours of her recoverie againe conferm'd. I pray God she may live, and, in His time, bring a son into your familly, tho I shall hope she will gaine a perfitt health before she proove wth childe. Your L^dsp^ care and kindness she hath soe often founde, that all must be fully sattisfied nothing could bee wantinge was to be had in order to helpe. Wee have lost lately soe many relations out of this family, I cannot but be frighted wth the least rumore of illness in one soe very neare unto mee, and for whom I have soe tender an affectione, wch she justly merritts from mee.

I came wth my L^d^ last weeke to this place, and designe w^thing two dayes to returne to Leez. His bisnes was to take Epsom watters, that he might not grow to fatt, and to buy some little mourninge, made mee take this oppertunitie. The towne is very

unpleasent, and ye small pox very mortall, besides a most dangerous feaver of wch many dye in few dayes.

The Prince of Orange came to Arlington house one Thursday night. The two sheriffs waitted upon him and invitted him to dyner to my Ld Mayor on Satterday, wher was a very great entter-tanem^t^ designed. One Friday night my Ld Hallifax, Ld Hide, Mr Semour, was wth him [and] very much importuned him not to goe, but, not saying they came from ye King to him, he continued resolved to goe; at w^ch^, Mr Semore goeing that night to Windsor, the next morning the King sent ye Prince a letter and comand to ye contraie, and that he should come to Windsor. Thus, att ten a cloke, the Prince sent his secretarie wth ye letter to my Ld Mayor, and soe the feast and citty ladyes in all ther glory was disapointed. He went away to Windsor; but this is all ye discours. He goeth some time this weeke away. Here is nothinge more, and I shall conclude this trouble by begging your L^dsp^ to believe I am,

My L^d^, your faithfull servant,

A. M.

Lady Ogle, 'tis said, will certanly marrie Mr Thinn, if it be not allready done. The young La: Rochester[a] is dead suddenly of an apoplexie.

William Longueville.

My Lord, [30 Aug. 1681].

Your asse was one of ye best my wife thinkes that ever shee mett with, and I hope shee will give my Lady an account of ye favour in sparing of it by all possible acknowledgm^ts^ and by taking care to shew her amendm^ts^ very soone after ye using of this milke.

[a] Elizabeth, daughter of John Mallet, of Enmore, co. Somerset, and widow of John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester.

I have beene at Putney all this day almost, and so want ye news of ye noone (if any bee). 'Twas last night agreed Dr Oates had left Whitehall, but whither of himselfe or turnd out some few made a doubt. Earle of Gerrard or Macclesfield was dismissed ye bed-chamber, but of ye Earle of Manch[ester] it is a quary as yett. Y^e^ Ld Mordaunt is restored to ye King's favour. Ld Conway (a 6 weekes widdower) hath marryed againe, and 'tis one Mrs Stowell and 15000^li^, if report say true.[a] The Cockpitt hee hath taken of ye Earle of Danby. Some 3 bills were (or were like to bee) found at ye sessions in being, viz. against Whittaker, Rous, and ye fore-man of ye jury wch would not find Colledge his bill. His name I forgett; and 'tis thought ye pollicy herein is to render them fitt for the London petty juries, by wch Colledge w^d^ scarce have been cast. Y^e^ poore fellow is not like to live longer then too morrow. Duke Lauderdale is ill of a feaver and sent for D^rs^ hence too day. Some say Ch: Just: Pemberton is not easy in his place[b]; y^t^ his Ma^ty^ meanes not for Newmarket; and y^t^ a speciall commission of oyer, &c. shall bee for ye L^ds^ indictments. I present my wives most humble thanks and service to your Lo^p^ and my Lady and also the like from,

My Lord,

Your Lo^ps^ ever obedient servant,

W. L.

[a] Edward, Earl of Conway. His third wife was Ursula, daughter of Colonel Stowel.

[b] Sir Francis Pemberton, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, was removed to the Common Pleas, in 1683, and immediately afterwards dismissed.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, London, Octo^br 11th, [16]81.

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I am sorry to heare you have no other thoughts of coming hither but upon ye tryall of ye Lords, wch I doe not heare anything so much sayd of as to conclude when that may bee. It has bine much talked of, as if my Lord Shaftsbury was offred to be set at liberty, if he would but promise to retire to his house in Dorcetshire; and Thom Thinne told mee, the other day, at Richmond (who, by ye way, lyes there to be w^thin ye sent of my Lady Ogle, for he does not yet visit her, nor is like to doe so, till she comes hither, wch will be the last of this month, when her mourning is out. Y^e next day sheele open her doores to all pretenders; tho' I think it is scarce to be doubted but she has entertained Mr Thin's addresses by 3^d hands, and is too farr ingaged to him to receive any other), that his house was making ready to receive him there. But I am told from one that best knows, my L^d would be well content to take a further journey to be quit of ye Tower; and that he has offred to goe to Carolina[a] upon those termes, and has bine refused. And the King says, if it were any body els, tho' he knew he were guilty and c^d prove it upon him, he could grant w^ht he desires, but to him he knowes that if he sh^d, he w^d say ye condition was exacted from him and that it was a force put on him.

The same.

My Lord, London, No^br 10, [16]81.

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My Lady Ogle went up yesterday wth her grandmother to ye old Change, and there slipt from her, and 'tis not yet known who is

[a] See Christie's *Life of Shaftesbury*, ii. 419.

gone wth her, nor whither she is gone. But, last night, Dick Bret came to ye King and told him hee had waited on him before to acquaint his Ma^ty^ that she was not married to Mr Thin, but now he was come to tell him she is married to him. The King sayd she had bine unworthily and basely betrayd by her friends. They say she raild much at them of late to some she durst trust, in that they have abused her in making her beleeve he had 20,000 a yeare, was of a better family, and but 23 yeares old. He has never layn wth her since he was married, not so much as spoken to her, nay, scarce seen her, and says she never will. Besides, I heere my Lady Trevor will prossecute him as married to her daughter, and says she can prove it.[a] If it be but a contract, they say 'twill breake ye marriage wth Lady Ogle. They say y^t^ Thinne has given bonds for vast summes of mony to her friends upon this account. Dick Bret and Harry Howard, they say, are deepe in, and they talk of others, who I dare not name for feare of ye statute; but I beleeve that's a scandall.

It's a greate secret yet, but I am told that my Lady Portsmouth is shortly going into France for her health.

The King dined to-day abord ye Mordaunt.

The Same.

My Lord, No. 22, [16]81.

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Tis expected that y bill of my Lord Shafts. will be brought to ye grand jury a Thursday; but tis such a return of a jury that one can hardly expect anything but ignoramus from them. I was told to day that it has bine considered ab^t^ bringing the bill into ye Marshals court; but I beleeve there is nothing in it.

[a] Ruth, widow of Sir John Trevor, sometime Secretary of State. Reresby received an affidavit in this matter on the 2nd January, 1682, as he tells us in his *Memoirs*.

We have had a greate deale of puther and bloody threatenings about a paper set up in the coffee house, but no fighting; and I belceve they are come of a little dully.

There is one of the finest poems come out of Absolon and Achitophel that ever you read, wherein there is a greate many charracters of all ye great men of both sides. Pray send for it. Tis Dreydon's they say; and no doubt, upon ye presumption, some body will fall upon him.[a]

A chambermaid of my wife's, a very homely wench, is to be married a Thursday to one Sr William Milward, a man of 800^li^ a yeare. I am heartily sorry to heare my Lady is not well. I feare Kirby is too moist for ye winter season for so delicate a complexion.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, No. 29, [16]81.

My Lord Sh[aftesbury] is bayled, and all the others, Howard, Willmore, and Whitacre.[b] My L^d^ Sh., after, went ye back way very privately home, whither out of modesty not to shew himself to ye populace, or that he thought they were prevented by ye strict order my Ld Mayor had taken to prevent all seditious concours of ye people, is a question. There is a very lying partiall acc^t^ come out of ye proceedings at ye Old Baily; but there will be one very suddenly by authority, wch c^d^ not so soone passe ye presse, because the judges are to examine it, and they are too busy at this time. It's beleeved wee shall have a parlim^t^ and an act of oblivion pass to quiet all.

[a] The cudgelling which Dryden had got in December, 1679, was still fresh in people's memory. Rochester had been roughly handled in the "Essay on Satire," the joint production of Dryden and Mulgrave, and took his revenge in this way.

[b] Lord Howard of Escrick, John Wilmore, and Edward Whitaker.

The same.

My Lord, London, De. 6, [16]81.

I begin to be of y^r^ opinion, as to the parlimt. and ye act of oblivion; and the rather, because I have a little more then ordinary reason to beleeve ye Duke will be sent for.

Ye Du^sse^ of Portsm^th^ does certainly goe into France after X^t^masse, and, tho' it be by advise of her phizitians, yet she is in doubt, it's sayd, she shan't return. But, to confirm her to ye contrary and of the King's constant goodnesse towards her, my Lord Hallifax is lately reconciled to her interest, at least so farr as to visit her and attend ye King in her lodgings, wch formerly he never would, and this too, they say, by ye King's possitive command. And as a further and more unquestionable proofe of her power, her son[a] is declared Master of the Hors, and Oglethorp[b] is in Armstrong's place; wch puts ye D. of Mon: too beyond all hopes of being ever restored, so he must be either Cesar aut nullus. I was told by one lately, as an argument of his being very low in pocket, that his fine set of coach horses were offred to be sold to ye person y^t^ told it mee.

I am sorry y^r^ brother is so ill in his affaires, and doubt he may loose his company by his conduct, and see no remedy.

The person you have sent for to y^r^ daughter is ye same Charlot would have recommended, and is a very ingenuous young woman and draws finely.

[a] The Duke of Richmond.

[b] Theophilus Oglethorpe and Charles Adderley were commissioners for the office of Master of the Horse, during the Duke of Richmond's minority. Oglethorpe was also a lieutenant-colonel in the Duke of York's troop of the Guards. Sir Thomas Armstrong had held the same commission in the King's troop of the same regiment.

My L[d] Grafton[a] has y[e] command of y[e] Guards,[b] in Russells place too, and I heare he has 6000[li] for it.

S[r] Rob[t] Carr has lost 5 or 6000[li] upon severall matches at Newmarket.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Jan. 3[d], 1681[2].

I shall send my trunkes abord y[e] yach a Thursday, and in 3 or 4 days I hope at furthest wee may sayle. The Duke of Monm[th] and L[d] Sunderland are both forbid to come into Whitehall, and the King has told M[r] May[c] and some others that they must forbeare theyr company or not come into his presence.

My L[d] Sunderland used to come to y[e] Duchess of Portsmouth, when y[e] King sat down to dinner; so yesterday, when he came, the Duchesse delivered that message herself and sent her woman to my Lady Sunderland,[d] that she should be glad if she met her in a third place, but that the K[g] had commanded her not to see her in her own lodgings. Y[e] D. of Mon: used to come to M[rs] Crofts[e] lodgings at night.

There has bine severall angry messages passd between the D. of Albemarle and y[e] D. of Monm[th], about words the D. of M. sh[d] say concerning the troope of Guards; and they say that y[e] D. of Albemarle would have made a quarrell to bring it to a duel, but y[e] Duke avoyded it.

George Leg has his com[n] for Master this day.[f]

I am in hast.

[a] Henry Fitz-Roy, natural son of Charles the Second, by the Duchess of Cleveland.

[b] The First Foot Guards. [c] Baptist May, keeper of the privy purse.

[d] Anne, daughter of George Digby, Earl of Bristol, and wife of Robert Spencer, Earl of Sunderland. [e] Monmouth's mistress.

[f] George Legge, afterwards Earl of Dartmouth, Master of the Ordnance.

The same.

My Lord, Jan. 5, 1681[2].

I goe abord a Saturday.[a] Its ye generall talk of a parlim^t^ to meete some say at Norwich; but most at Oxford, in March or Ap^ll^.

My Ld Arguile,[b] it's beleeved, is heere; his case is thought very hard, and ye proceedings ag^st^ him vigorous; and all imputed to ye Duke's severity, and so made use of by those that dont love him, as an argument w^ht^ wee may expect from his governm^t^ heere. But Arguile is not much pittied, being looked on generally as a very ill man to ye Crown, and who has made use of ye King's favours heeretofore to do very greate injustices to others.

My Ld Preston[c] was sent by ye K^g^ to bring in ye Morocco embassador to-day,[d] and he himself is to goe into France suddenly to releeve Harry Saville, and Saville is to be a Com^r^ of ye Admirallty, so is Sr John Chichely, wch makes ye number 7.

I saw the Moores at theyr lodging. Y^e^ ambassador is a white man, and his cloths white; ye rest are all in scarlet, I think.

I am y^r^ L^ps^ most humble servant.

[a] For Edinburgh.

[b] Archibald Campbell, 9th Earl of Argyle. It will be remembered that he was at this time condemned to death, but escaped into Holland. Halifax's words, as quoted by Lord Macaulay, will recur to the memory: "I know nothing of Scotch law, but this I know, that we should not hang a dog here on the grounds on which my Lord Argyle has been sentenced."

[c] Richard Graham, Viscount Preston, Secretary of State under James II.

[d] See Evelyn's account of the audience, in his *Diary*, 11 Jan. 1682.

The Duke of York.

Edenburgh, Jan. 27, 1682.

I would not lett this bearer, S[r] Charles Littelton, returne without a letter from me, to lett you know how sensible I am of the assurences you gave me of your stedynesse to me, by the letter he brought me from you. 'Tis but what I had reason to expect from you, having known you so long, and that you never yett made one fals step to his Ma[jesty] and the Crowne. If others had followd your example, things had not been in the condition they are, nor I heare; but where so ever I am, you may depend upon my being a true freind to you.

James.

William Longueville.

My Lord, 28[th] Feb[y], [1682.]

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The jury too day were halfe English, halfe strangers. One jury tryed all. Count Coningsmark[a] was quitted; but an appeale c[d] not bee entred by some of Mr. Thin's kindred. See Magna Charta c. . Y[e] jury were thought hugely partiall. S[r] W[m] Roberts was foreman. The other 3, vizt. Wortz y[e] Capt. y[e] Lieut[t] Sterne, and y[e] Polander,[b] were found guilty. Though they 3 pleaded not guilty, yet in effect they ownd all when they made their defences.

[a] Charles John, Count Coningsmark, accused of the murder of Thomas Thynne.

[b] Their names, as given in the *State Trials*, were Christopher Vratz, John Stern, and George Borosky alias Boratzi. See Reresby's account of his capture of Vratz, in his *Memoirs*, 12 Feb. 1682.

The Count hit upon ye humour of protestantcy, and told them of his ancestors and of himselfe, and how happy hee was to bee tryed by a protestant jury and in a protestant countrey. The Count is at large, but under bayle, wch were Sr Nathan^l^ Johnson (his friend and interpreter), last yeare mayor of Newcastle as I think, Major Oglethorpe, &c. Lady Ogle is not like to appeale him; and none else can, unlesse yong Bainton,[a] who is but from his sister, and so, claiming by a woman, cannot. Nor can any other, since hee that is nearest cannot. This law I have not exactly look't into, but in a bookseller's shop and over a pint of wine heard it talked off. Pray, my Lord, forgive this broken account, but I hope it may bee, as meant, accepted from,

My Ld, your Lops most obedient,

Wm. L.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, March 11, [1682].

I have a letter from Scotland, wch says they expect the Duke back very quickly; and tis very much beleeved heere that it may be so, but I think that it w^d^ be no good complement to ye Duchesse to send for her hither and him back, unlesse it be to fetch her. He is dayly expected at Newmarket, because he sent an expresse to tell ye K^g^ he w^d^ come abord ye yach a Monday night. I intend to goe to Cambridg, and the next day to Newmarket, and come away the same night, because I despaire of lodging.

[a] Son of Sir Edward Baynton, of Bromham-Baynton, co. Wilts. by Stuart, sister of Thomas Thynne.

I saw ye exccution yesterday of the German capt. &c. The capt. died very boldly and unconcerned,[a] neither did he, as I c^d^ heare, before or then own that ye Count was privy to ye murder. The other 2 shewd to be very penitent, and, tis thought, c^d^ discover nothing of ye Count's practisse.

My Ld Hollis's lady is dead.[b]

THE SAME.

MY LORD, London, July 8th, 1682.

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The Lord Mayor's party think they had a greate day of it yesterday; for, after a long debate by councell on both sides, the Court of Aldermen judged it to be in ye Mayor to adjourn or call ye court for election; and there was 14 alder: ag^st^ 7, and so ye court is adjourned for another pole to Fryday next.[c]

Y^e^ K^g^ is gone to-day to Windsor, but will be back, tis sayd, a Thursday. Sr John Finch arrived last night from Turkey, and this morning my Ld Chanc: brought him to ye King, and he made ye K^g^ a mighty rich present of a cimeter and dagger. The dagger was hilt and sheath of entire jaspars, set wth rubies of great value. The Duke had presents too of ye same kind, wch were very rich.

[a] "He went to death like an undaunted hero," and he "told a friend of mine that he did not value dying of a rush, and hop'd and believ'd God would deale with him like a gentleman" are Evelyn's remarks. Reresby tells us that he had led a forlorn hope at Mons.

[b] Lucy, daughter of Sir Robert Carr, and wife of Francis, 2nd Lord Helles.

[c] The Lord Mayor was Sir John Moore. The dispute was about the election of sheriffs, the Lord Mayor favouring the Court candidates.

The two Bantam embas[sadors][a] desired it, and were knighted to-day, and had each ye sword wch did the deed. They were but ordinary swords.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, London, Aug. 14th, 1682.

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The privy seales are not yet disposed of,[b] *i.e.*, they were not last night, but the talk gives um to Mr Seymore, and an earldom wth them. But there is whispered yet greater changes: That ye Duke of Monmouth will be restored to ye K^gs^ favor and to ye M^r^ of ye Hors place too. Y^e^ D^sse^ is every night at ye Duchesses court and very kindly rec^d^, and she and her Lord were, too, never better together. Nay, I heare that Shaftesbury has offered himself to ye Duke, and not wth out hopes of being rec^d^; for ye Duke made him a wise and no unkind answer, that he had bine an open enemy, and, when he had reconciled himself to the King, he would be the first w^d^ take him by ye hand, as he had done my Lord Sund[erland]. It's thought that my Ld Shafts: is affraid he shall be left alone, for that Essex, Montague, and others are making conditions for themselves. I c^d^ tell you other stranger matters yet in hand, but 'tis enough at a time.

[a] Evelyn saw them, 19th June, at Lord Berkeley's, and has handed down a minute account of their appearance as they sat before him, "cross-legg'd like Turks, and something in the posture of apes and monkeys."

[b] Arthur Annesley, Earl of Anglesey, had been called upon to surrender the privy seal on the 8th of the month. His MS. diary, which is preserved in the British Museum, Additional MS. 18730, contains this entry: "9 Aug. In the evening delivred the privy seale, upon the King's warrant of ye 8th under the signet, to Sir Leolin Jenkins. . . . The Lord be praised, I am now delivred from Court snares." He was succeeded by Halifax.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Sept. 5, [16]82.

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The Duke of M[onmouth], I heare, has entered into a new covenant wth those of his party never to quit them, and is gone into Cheshire to be treated there by my Ld Matlesfield,[a] Whitley,[b] Booth,[c] Lewson,[d] and all that party who have long expected him, and where there is not such another gang of phanatiques in ye kingdom, and its like is ye reason why the King resolved of putting a guarrison into Chester Castle. The King does not come to town till Munday next, and then he goes the same day to Chatham, down ye river; so I goe a Saturday to be at Sheerness as he passes by.

The King is mightly pleased at Winchester, and ye toun has made him a present of ye Castle for a place to build upon, and ye B^p^ has given him timber and ye gentlemen will bring it; so he is resolved to build, there being stone enough on ye place.[e] The Duke says tis abundantly better place for all sort of pleasure then Newmarket, and then 'tis neere ye forrest for hunting. But you must know there is a faction in this business too, ye Whig party being lords at Newmarket, as hunting, got houses and possest themselves of ye best conveniences there. The K^g^, however, goes to Newmarket in October; they say, not till ye sherriffs are decided.

The apprentices have bine mutinous ab^t^ St Giles's and w^d^ have puld down a house, so y^t^ ye Guards were faine to come, and some of them are taken and put into prison. The privy seales are not like to be disposed of yet. They were promised 1st to Lord Halli: and, after, to Seymore, as I am told; so, till something els happen,

[a] Charles Gerard, 1st Earl of Macclesfield.

[b] Colonel Roger Whitley, of Peele, co. Chester.

[c] Henry Booth, son of Lord Delamere, who succeeded to the title and was one of the leaders of the northern rising at the Revolution.

[d] William Leveson Gower.

[e] The buildings, begun by Charles, are now the barracks.

that both may be sattisfied, it may be they will remaine in ye K^gs^ hand. The Duke appeares for Ld Hamilton's[a] having ye garter, but ye D^sse^ of Osnaburg[b] has writt to P. Rupert, her brother, to propose a match wth Lady Ann and her son; and some say ye K^g^ inclines so far to it, heele reserve ye garter for him.

My Ld Monm^th^ goes not to Chester till Thursday. The K^g^ sayd to my Ld Noel[c] at Winchester y^t^, if ye D. of Mon: w^d^ have submitted himself to him, as he ought, he sh^d^ have willingly received him; but for my Ld Shafts, he w^d^ not doe him that injury who, while he remaines wth ye other party, is ye noble patriot of his country, ye Prottestant Lord &c, and, when he sh^d^ come in to him, he w^d^ be ye fals and popish traiterores Ld Shafts[bury] &c.

I pray God send my Lady a good delivery and a brave boy.

The Com^rs^ of ye revenue of Ireland are now named. My Ld Longford[d] is ye 1st. Y^e^ rest are unknown persons.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Sep^br^ ye 23, 1682.

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The Duke of Monm^th^ was taken into custody by Sarjeant Ramsey, on Wednesday night, at Litchfield, and is coming up wth him, and, 'tis believed, will be sent to ye Tower; and there is a com^n^ sent doun into Cheshire to enquire into some other proceedings there.

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The D. of M. was brought to night to ye Secretary's office. He

[a] William Douglas, Earl of Selkirk, who, on his marriage with Anne, Duchess of Hamilton, was made Duke of Hamilton. He received the Garter.

[b] The Electress Sophia, whose husband, Ernest Augustus, Elector of Hanover, was also Duke-Bishop of Osnaburg.

[c] Wriothesley Baptist Noel, son of Edward, Viscount Campden, afterwards Earl of Gainsborough.

[d] Francis Aungier, Viscount Longford.

refused to be examined by him, because he sayd, having his habeas corpus, he was no longer a prisoner by his warrant, and so went out of ye roome into ye court; but, before he went away, he was served by ye same sarjeant wth a new warrant to take him again into custody, till he found good baile to keepe ye peace and to answer Mr Attorney ye 1st of ye term.

The sherriffs were bound to the good behaviour.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Sep. 26, [1682].

The D. of M. is bailed. The K^g^ by ye Vi: Chamb.[a] letter has forbid him coming into ye park or any part of Whitehall, as well when his Ma^ty^ is out of town as in it. The K^g^ is very angry wth him and resolved to take every way to undeceive ye world that think he is not; and there is a com^n^ of oyer and terminer gone down, they say, into ye countreys to make enquiryes w^ht^ has bine done there. There is one much talked of, and that is, that there were severall baskets of blue ribons given out at my Ld Delamere's,[b] where he was most highly treated; and ye names of those that had them taken and put into a book.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, No^br^ 30, [1682.]

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Yesterday Prince Rupert died; he was not ill above 4 or 5 days. An old hurt in his leg, wch has bine some time healed up, broke out again and put him into an intermitting feavor, for wch he took

[a] Henry Savile succeeded Sir George Carteret as Vice-Chamberlain.

[b] Sir George Booth, who had been created Lord Delamere. Died in 1684.

ye jesuites powder, but he had a pleurisy w^th^all upon him wch he concealed, because he w^d^ not be let blood, till it was too late and when his blood was all corrupted. He died in greate paine. He made a will, and my Ld Craven [a] is one of his executors or trustees. The K^g^ sent to him to secure his jewells, wch he sayd he had done, and, so soone as ye will was opened, his Ma^ty^ sh^d^ have a further acc^t^.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Jan. 30th, 168¾.

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There is another thing wch is now as much talked on: the new orders ab^t^ ye bedchamber, since the K^g^ is come into these new lodgings.

No body except ye Duke, Ld Ormond, and I think Hallifax, the 2 Secretarys of England, and ye Secretaries of Scotland are to come into ye bedchamber w^th^out leave first asked; nor are they to ask leave, if the King be in the closset. None under degree of nobleman or privy councellor may ask leave at all, unlesse he says he has buisnes wth ye King.

My Ld Chamberlin [b] w^d^ have come in, when ye K^g^ was in his closset; but ye page told him he c^d^ not. He, notw^th^standing, came in and desired my Ld Bath [c] to inform the pages he was not to be kept out. My Lord sayd, he did not know he was, and commanded the page to let him in. Thereupon my Lord Arran [d] told Chamb: the page had done his duty, and he ought not to come in w^th^out leave; upon wch there grew high words between them. The K^g^

[a] William, Earl of Craven.

[b] Lord Arlington.

[c] John Granville, Earl of Bath, Groom of the Stole; died in 1701.

[d] James Douglas, son of the Duke of Hamilton, and a gentleman of the bedchamber.

has determined ye cause ag^st^ my Ld Cham: so as that he is not to come in w^th^out leave, nor ye Lord Steward,[a] who does not therefore come in but as he is one of ye Ministers, i. e. I suppose of ye Cabinet.

My Ld Shaftsbury is certainly dead[b] in Holland; and his relations, as Ld Hallifax, Coventry,[c] Plimouth,[d] (who came to town lately) &c., are in mourning for him.[e]

The same.

My Lord, Richmond, June 30th [16]83.

I humbly thank y^r^ L^p^ for ye warrant you have sent me for ye venison and for ye letter, since, by b^r^ George, by whom I am very glad to heare my Lady is so well, tho' sorry to heare she has miscarried.

It's probable y^r^ L^p^ has ere this heard some thing of the discoverie of a new Presbiterian fanatique plot, no lesse then to murder ye K^g^ and ye Duke and destroy ye Gov^mt^.

There is an oylman who lived neere Smithfield (by name Keeling[f]), by religion, as he told ye Councell, he has bine of all sects, at last an Anabaptist and a mighty boutefeu in all ye seditions and commotions of ye citty, is ye person at whose suite ye Lord Mayor was arrested. This man came to M^r^ Se: Jenkins and told

[a] Duke of Ormond.

[b] He died on the 21st January, 1683.

[c] John, 4th Lord Coventry.

[d] Lord Windsor, lately made Earl of Plymouth.

[e] Shaftesbury married Margaret, one of the daughters of Lord Keeper Coventry; Halifax was the son of Anne, another daughter; and Lord Plymouth married Halifax's sister.

[f] Josiah Keeling.

him ye K^gs^ person was in danger of an assassinate, y^t^ he was touched in conscience to give him notice to prevent it; wch Mr Secre:, giving no greate credit to, seemed to slight. So he came 2 days after and soe pressed the eminent danger the K^gs^ life was in, y^t^ M^r^ Se:, enquiring more strictly into ye matter, had from him a very large discovery of a most dangerous hellishe conspiracy to murder the King and ye Duke, as they were to come last from Newmarket, at a place neere Stansteed; and wch was prevented only from taking effect, w^thout^ God's infinite providence, by ye fire wch happened in Newmarket, and so hindred ye conspirators from being ready to assemble (they being to bee 40 in number) and put theyr damnable mischief into practisse, wch yet he sayd they pursued the same design as he sh^d^ passe between Windsor and Hampton Court; but he said they waited till ye King and Duke sh^d^ come together, for they durst not attempt on him alone, because the Duke w^d^ be left alive to revenge it. He frankly told all the conspirators names, wch you will find, I doubt not, in ye proclamation, and among ye rest Coll: Rumsey,[a] who I beleeve you cannot but know. He has since rendred himself at the King's discretion, and, as he tells Halsey,[b] who was much of his acquaintance (and to whom he writt after he was in the messengers hand, to desire so to speake w^th^, who had ye K^gs^ leave to doe), that hee had not come in but y^t^ he found it impossible for him to escape, being so closely pursued. When he was brought to ye King, he fell on his knees, sayd he neither deserved nor expected pardon who had bine such a villain to so good and gracious a prince, and from whom he had rec^d^ such large benefits; but that he w^d^ doe w^ht^ he c^d^ to make amends, while he lived, by a cleare confession of all he knew of ye practisses designed either ag^st^ his person or gov^mt^; and that he w^d^ conceale no man he knew guilty, nor accuse any falsley to save his life.

[a] Colonel John Rumsey, or Romsey, an old parliamentary officer. He turned King's evidence.

[b] Perhaps a slip of the pen for Colonel James Halsal or Halshall, Scout-Master General. There was also Thomas Halsey, M.P. for Hertfordshire.

There is allso one West,[a] a lawyer of the Inner Temple, come in too, or rather indeed forced in (as they say) by his father in law, an honest man had found him out who was of greate trust among all those people. These have discovered abundance of persons and thinges, and there are warrants out to apprehend them, who are many of them fled. Algernon Sidney is taken, and Wildman, and they are in ye Tower; and, since them, my Ld Russell out of his own house, and my Lord Grey, who has since made his escape at ye Towre gate from the Serjeant at armes, through treachery or folly, because he w^d^ take no guard wth him, and was asleep, if not drunk, or pretended to be so, when he went out of ye coach. The sarjeant was Deereham,[b] formerly my Ld Chamberlan's gentleman of hors, and my quarter^mr^. My Lord tooke boate and got into Southwark, whither he was closly pursued, but not taken. The K^g^ is so inraged at it, he has not only turnd ye sarjeant out of his places, but sent him to ye Tower, and commanded he sh^d^ be put into ye dungeon, and sayd he sh^d^ rot there. Hee was 3 days there. But ye L^t^ came to ye K^g^ and sayd he w^d^ perish if he were not presently removed, for ye water and mud came in so upon him, he stood up to ye knees in it; so ye K^g^ gave leave he sh^d^ be removed.

The Lords were confronted by ye wittnesses when they were examined, and, as I was told by a greate man (the King sayd it to), my Ld Russell c^d^ not deny his knowledg of ye gen^ll^ plot of a rebellion and going into armes, wh^ch^ was to be ye 3^d^ of No^br^ last. As to ye murther of the K^g^ and Duke, he was not charged wth. My Lord Russell was sent to the Tower in one of ye K^gs^ barges with a Capt of the Guards and a guard of soldiers. The Duke of Mon:, Ld Grey, Armstrong, and Ferguson,[c] Ld Shaftsburys chaplain, a

[a] Robert West, turned King's evidence.

[b] Henry Dereham.

[c] Robert Ferguson, the busiest of "fanatical knaves." "Violent, malignant, regardless of truth, insensible to shame, insatiable of notoriety, delighting in intrigue, in tumult, in mischief for its own sake, he toiled during many years in the darkest mines of faction." Pilloried thus by Macaulay, and branded as Judas in "Absalom and Achitophel," he is in a fair way of being notorious for ever. He escaped to Holland, to be at the bottom of any mischief that was brewing.

Scot, are mightily searcht after. There are a greate many more fled, and warrants out to search for them. There were 3 shutes of the silk armes taken at Umfreville's[a] house, wth some new muskets and collars of bandeleeres filled with powder, and a bag of bullets. He was not found, but is since, as I heare, taken. He was a greate man in all juries in ye Popish, or rather Oates's, plot, It was asked Keeling if Oates knew of ye K^gs^ being to be murdered or anything of the plot; but he sayd he thought he did not, for they beleeved him such a rogue they w^d^ not trust him. There is orders gone into all countreys to disarme all that are looked on as disaffected to ye gov^mt^.

I am told this morning, ye Duchesse of Mon: was delivered of a dead child, and that 'tis thought she can't live.

There was a com^n^ sealed yesterday for the tryals of the traytors; and I heare my Lord Russell will be first tried, tho', it may be, more of them together. As I heare more, I shall give y^r^ L^p^ an acc^t^.

Mr Trencher[b] is in ye Tower too, the same who first brought in ye Bill of Exclusion of a popish successor. My Ld Russell was ye next that brought it in and carried it up to ye Lords, as you may better know then I. Sr Robt Clayton brought it in againe to ye H. of C. at Oxford.

The Bishop of Oxford.

My honord L^d^, [5th July, 1683.]

I have now by me your lordships fifth letter, and now, tho I answer the number, want a hundred more to make a just return for the kindness. The frequent hearing from your Lordship and my

[a] Charles Umfreville, arrested and examined before the Council for unlawful possession of arms.

[b] John Trenchard of Taunton, made Secretary of State in 1693.

good Lady is an unspeakable refreshment to me, which in this age that understands no reason of commerce but the prosecution of the ends of gain or pleasure will be lookt upon as extravagance, but will be absolvd by your better judgement of things, who know how solicitous the resentments of friendship are and whose charity as well as interest in them makes you concerned for their relief. We have had no notice of the fire wch your Lordship mentions to have bin at Roan, no more than I perceive your Lordship has of the diabolical design lately discoverd against the King's life and the government, the prevention of wch we owe, next to God's mercy, to the fire which was lately at Newmarket.[a] The villany is so direfull that one would think it could not enter into the hearts of any who had the shape of men, and it passes belief that such men as the Lord Russell, the Lord Grey, the Duke of Monmouth &c. should be privy to it. Very few daies will bring those that have not secured themselves by flight to their trial. God grant that others may be deterrd from the like villanies, and that they, if it be possible, may repent of them, and, however it fares with them at an earthly tribunal, escape at the greater wch awaits them. I add my praiers for all blessing to your Lordship and family, and remain,

My honord Lord,

Your most humble and affectionat ser^{vt},

Jo. Oxon.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My L^{d}, [10 July, 1683.]

I have only time to tell you I rec^{d} y^{rs} ye last night. Besides w^{ht} I have told you of ye plot, my Ld Brandon[b] and young

[a] Which occasioned Charles's unexpected return from Newmarket, and was said to have disconcerted the plans of the conspirators.

[b] Charles Gerard, Lord Gerard of Brandon, eldest son of Lord Macclesfield. He was put on his trial, in 1685, and was found guilty, but was allowed to redeem himself.

Mr Hambden[a] were both sent yesterday to ye Tower, and my Ld Howard of Escrick taken out of his house. He had concealed himself in his chimney. So soone as he came to ye King, he fell a crying bitterly, and desired pen and paper that he might recollect and discover w^ht^ he knew; so has bine writing his narrative ever since. Last night my Ld Essex was sent for by a sarjeant at armes, Coll: Oglethorp and 30 hors. They met him coming to town. He lay all night in my Lord Fevershams lodging, and this morning, after being examined, was sent by water to ye Tower. The K^g^ is very displeased wth him. He is charged, as I heare, to have signed an association.

Mr Forbus was taken last night I desire, my L^d^, you will thank y^r^ keeper (for I thanked you in my last) for ye bravest buck y^t^ ever I saw, tho' I have had many good ones from you.

My most humble services to my Lady and Mrs Hattons.

The Bishop of Oxford.

My honord Lord, [12th July, 1683.]

The conveiance of letters from you has of late bin very propitious, every week having brought me those assurances which I with all imaginable concern desire to receive. Tis to be doubted, when the autumn gusts and winter long nights come on, there will be a more interrupted correspondence; but, if the execrable design against the King and government be fully discoverd and broken, there will

[a] John Hampden, grandson of the patriot. He pleaded guilty, when brought to trial in 1685, and made abject submission; and escaped with his life on paying a heavy bribe to Jeffreys. He committed suicide in 1695.

probably be such a turn of mens minds as may persuade the calling of parliament before the third year is expired, which will have one desirable effect: the bringing back your Lordship to your friends. The discoveries come on so fast that there will want prisons to secure malefactors, and innocent men begin to fear least the really guilty should attone for treason by perjury and revive the old trade of evidence, laying their plot at their neighbours dores. The King does very advisedly hasten the trials that the jealousy of the people may be removed, who think every thing, however real, to be a trick, and that his person may be in some safety by the terror of severity. We wonderd at the Lord Russell's being engaged in so black a design, a man neither needy in his fortune nor extravagant in his manner; but that wonder is encreast since the Earl of Essex is in the Tower. One would have thought it impossible that the son of the Lord Capel, after wealth and honor heaped upon him, should design the subversion of the government. Tis less strange that Lord Howard of Estrick, Lord Brandon, Lord Herbert of Cherbury, M[r] Wharton,[a] M[r] Hambden, and others of the like forme should engage in such an affair. The best ont is, a few daies will give us light. May they also give security to the King and government.

When your brother Grey is come to you, your Lordship will soon observe what we may expect from him. M[r] Pullen's [b] characters are, I doubt, not much to be depended on. There must he a fault somewhere besides in my Lord, if, after so many months stay in France, no progress has bin made in the language. My young Lord of Manchester [c] was expected at London on Wednesday last. For ought I know, it might have been well if my Lord Grey had accompanied my Lord Preston [d]; any thing had bin preferable to

[a] Thomas Wharton, afterwards Marquess of Wharton.
[b] Octavian Pulleyn, Lord Grey's tutor.
[c] Charles Montagu, 4th Earl, afterwards Duke, of Manchester.
[d] To Spain.

loitering in English company at Paris. With my wishes of all health and blessing to your Lordship,

I remain, my honord Lord, your

Most humble and affectionat ser^{vt},

Jo. Oxon.

I send by this conveiance to Southampton five dozen of bottles of our ale. I wish this hot weather permit it to come in good order to you.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My L^{d}, July ye 14th, 1683.

Yesterday morn: my Ld Essex cut his own throate in ye Tower wth a razor wch he asked of his man that waited on him, having never a penknife to give him. He had asked for a penknife every day since he came thither. He did it in ye close stoole roome, while his man was gone down; but his page was in ye roome. He eate his breakfast well and was not perceivd to be in any disturbance of mind; but, ye day before, he had sent to desire my Ld Clarendon might speake wth him, wch he did, and he made prottestations that he knew nothing of any design to murder the King, but he sayd nothing to vindicate himself from being in other designes upon the governm^{t}. The K^{g} happened to be in ye Tower at ye same time this happened, to view ye new fortifications. The news was presently carried to the Old Baily, where was upon theyre trialls my Ld Russell, Hone, Rowse, and Capt. Blagge,[a] a seaman, who were all found guilty, and who none of them made but very weake defences. My Lord had nothing but to call some persons to give an account of what they knew of his life, to make him unlikely to bee in such wicked designes he stood charged wth. The wittnesses agst him were my Lord Howard, Rumsey, and Shepp-

[a] William Hone, John Rouse, and William Blague. The last was acquitted.

heard,[a] a merchant, at whose house there was some of theyr consults, and who was to be the treasurer to receive and pay all mony.

Mr Booth,[b] my L^ds^ son, was brought to town last night and sent to ye Tower. There has bine a good quantity of armes taken at Chester, in Hodg Whitleys son's house, and this inscription on them: Sultan Bantam; all new armes in chests.

My Ld Salisbury[c] was married yesterday to ye younger daughter of rich Bennet [and his] sister to Sr George Downings sonne.[d] Sr John Babor's son has run away wth Sr Thomas Draper's[e] daughter. There are a hundred gentlemen of quality, of wch my Ld Salisbury is one, who have offered themselves to be put into a troope, under ye command of my Lord Ossory[f] or who his Ma^ty^ pleases, to attend his Ma^tyes^ person at theyr own charge.

William Longueville.

My Lord, Thursday, 19th of July, 1683.

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As to the plott, ye prints tell your Lop. as much as I know allmost. Poore Earl of Essex hath done what one would have thought his great vertues, his reading, and above all his religion should never have sett in. And his poore lady hath added to that huge affliction that his personall estate in London is ye bailiffe of

[a] Thomas Shepard.

[b] Henry Booth, son of Lord Delamere.

[c] James Cecil, 4th Earl of Salisbury, married Frances, daughter of Simon Bennet, of Beechampton, co. Bucks.

[d] Catherine, daughter of James, 3rd Earl of Salisbury, married George, son of Sir George Downing, who succeeded to the baronetcy.

[e] Baronet, of Sunninghill, co. Berks.

[f] James, son of Thomas Earl of Ossory; afterwards Duke of Ormond.

Westminster's, and his fine library and all his goods (of great value) at Cassiobury are claimed by the new Earl of Salsbury, as Abbot of St Albans, w^th^in which liberty Cassiobury is a little mannour. Ld Russell is sayd (how truly I know not) to expresse himselfe that two ladyes are more in misery then his: the Lady Essex,[a] and ye Lady Howard of Escrick[b] as being such an one's wife. On Friday (i. e. too morrow), at Tiburne, dye ye 3, Walcott,[c] Hone, and Rous; and on Satterday, ye Ld Russell on a scaffold in Lincolns-Inne fields. This Ld Russell eates little, drinks tea much, is very composed and resolute, as I am told. But Walcott sayes hee is meane, in that hee denyes his share in the plott, for that he had his full share therein. This Walcott never denyed it but in a course of law, to see if legally there was proofe ag^t^ him. His teachers, hee sayes, misguided him. I shall bee here yett about 10 dayes. Wheresoever I shall be you have mee,

My Lord,

Your Lops. most obedient servant,

W. L.

George Lyttelton.[d]

My Lord, London, July ye 21, [16]83.

My duty tyes mee to give you what I know, though you have all by better hands; but the present is that on Thursday the Prince of Denmark made his entry att Whitt Halle, and next week for Windsor wheire the maridge is consumated. Yesterday 3 of the plotters were exequted att Tiburne, videlisett Walcott, Hone, and

[a] Elizabeth, daughter of Algernon Percy, 10th Earl of Northumberland.

[b] Frances, daughter of Sir James Bridgman, of Castle-Bromwich, co. Warwick.

[c] Colonel Thomas Walcott.

[d] Brother of Sir Charles Lyttelton and a captain in his regiment.

Rowse, and this morning Ld Russell was beheaded in Lincolls Inn Fields. Theire was ten companyes of ye Guards draune round the scaffold, with ye Kinges troope devided into 4 squadrons, a squadron in each angell. Theire will be noe further trialls till ye judges returne from theire serquts. I now begg your Lordships favor of my humble duty to my Ladey and the rest of the good fameley.

Your Lordships most
obedient humble servant,
G. Lyttelton.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, London, July 21, [16]83.

I have just now rec^d^ y^rs^ of ye 16 wth ye inclosed to my brother, and have only since to tell you that my Ld Russell was beheaded this morning. He sayd not much, but that he did not design to murder ye K^g^ nor ye gov^mt^, but to keepe out poperie. He sayd the evidence ag^st^ him was true, as to ye place and company he was in, but he tooke that to be but misprision, for wch he did not ask God or ye K^g^ pardon, for that I can heare. I saw him die at a distance and he seemed very stout. The hangman gave him 3 blows, besides sawing wth ye ax, before he cut his head of. He came to ye scaffold in his own coach, wch was not in mourning nor his livery; himself was in black.

Doctor Tillotson,[a] Dr. Burnet, and ye sherriffe was wth him.

The P. of Denmark is a handsom fine gentleman. They say

[a] John Tillotson, at this time Dean, afterwards Archbishop, of Canterbury.

heele be married a Tuesday at Windsor. The Duke gives him place heere yet.

My brother[a] Ruthen died yesterday and I am going to his funerall. He died of a feavor and wanted 5 or 6 months to be at age. Yet I hope his signature will be good.

WILLIAM LONGUEVILLE.

MY LORD, 7th of Aug^t, 1683.

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Wee have had a deplorable fire, whereby 2 staire cases were most suddainly burnt in ye Temple, and no deeds, monyes, clothes, or anything but ye lives of a few, could bee saved. Sr Thomas Robinson, our treasurer, leaping out of his window one paire of stayers, was bruised, being grosse ; so y^t^ w^th^in an houre hee dyed, and was just now buryed. Hee had an iron chest now found, and ye gold and silver in it melted thought neere 10000^l^, and his office Ld Pemberton hath 6000^l^ to take for it. One Glyde, at whose chamber, a ground roome, it is thought to have begun, was burned. Mr Lloyd, ye B^p^ of Peterborough's brother, in ye next chamber, escaped in his shirt. Mr Williams and one lodging wth him for a night are both burnt. This was below ye Kings Bench buildings.

Ld Dartmouth is reported gone to visit your island, as also Jersey, &c.; and on his return it's sayd hee will goe out wth 13 sayle, and towards Tangier most believe. Our plott is nothing more known then it was, unlesse Mr Charlton[b] have added to it by any discovery, hee being newly taken. The tryalls are abroad 1st too day, but I have not yett had time to read them. Ld Delamere hath made ye application to ye King most winning on his Ma^ty^ of any of our great men that I heare of. Ld Suffolk,[c] you heare, hath been humbling

[a] Brother-in-law.

[b] Francis Charlton.

[c] Charles Howard, 3rd Earl of Suffolk.

himselfe too, as Earl of Kent,[a] Macclesfield, &c. I hope with your Lop., this mistery of iniquity being well and providentially discovered, wee may have a good government ye better hinged and established.

My Lord, I present my humblest duty to my Lady, and wish your Lop. and all your family all happinesse, being ever,

My Lord,

Your Lops. obedient servant,

W. L.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, London, Aug. 14, [16]83.

Since my last, my Ld Conway is dead, and has left his dowager[b] vastly rich, they say his whole estate for life and 1000^li^ a yeare for ever and all his personall estate. I am told, since I came hither, that wee shall have a parlim^t^ call'd suddenly. My Lord Grafton is the most mortified creature in the world, because ye command of ye fleete was taken out of his hand and given to my Ld Dartmouth, who is undoubtedly gone to bring away ye forces from Tangier; but I cannot be well assured if his orders be to ruine the place or put it into another hand. His taking Dr. Trumball,[c] a civillian, wth him lookes as if he had some publike treaty to make.

Mr Castyres[d], a Scotch preacher, was brought up to day. He was taken in ye north, neere my Lord Thannets interest, as his b^r^ Sackville told mee to day. The Councill met this afternoone to examine him. You will find this Castyres name in ye declaration, among those that are fled.

[a] Anthony Grey, 11th Earl of Kent.

[b] See above, p. 7, note [a].

[c] Afterwards Sir William Trumball, Secretary of State.

[d] William Carstairs.

I think I told y^r L^p that ye Prince was not installd, because he had not ye K^g of Denmarkes leave to leave of the Elephant; wch it seemes was not thought of, but must be had before he can weare ye garter.

The news from France is that ye Turkes made an assault in six places upon Viena at a time, and were beaten of wth greate losse; and they have since removed theyr camp a league of ye town.

William Longueville.

My L^d, 18th of August, 1683.

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Y^e French are now feared in Flanders. Y^e Ld Dartmouth and ye fleete are going, few know on what designe; I don't. No trialls are yet coming on that I heare of. One Casteers, a Scotch non-conformist parson, was taken in Kent, and one Westlake,[a] a lawyer, at Exeter, and are come up in custody. I was at ye Tower yesterday wth my L^d of Danby, having not been there since your Lop. remembers ye time; and hee was pretty well and ye same good company, and temperate in what hee sayd of those gone thence afore him, i.e., ye dead. I saw yong Brandon &c at their windows, their lodgings being very close, as I understand. Major Bremen is layd where E. of Essex did his worst, so I could [not] see ye roome, ye which I would have seen, because heere is a divided world whither ye Earle killed himselfe or was killed. Hence judge of ye party.

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Your Lops. most faithfull, humble servant,
Wm. Longueville.

[a] Hugh Westlake.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, Richm^d, Octo. 2^d, 1683.

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Since the Court returned to London, wee have severall new Judges, 2 C[hief] Jus[tices], Sr G. Jeoffryes of ye Kings Court, and Sr Will: Jones[a] of ye Com: Pleas, Mr North[b] of Chester, and Ned Herbert[c], my Lady Mordaunt's brother, of North Wales.

The cittyes complyance ab^t ye charter has not gone down wth them so glib as was expected, wch has kept ye K^g, I think, a little longer from Newmarket; but, I heare, they will come to at last, and ye K^g will goe for a few days, tho' w^thout the ladyes, to theyr greate dissappointm^t. But there is so little lodging, the town being not yet rebuilt.

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There is news come of a 2^d victory the imperiall forces have obtained over ye Turkes, wth the totall overthrow of all theyr forces and a mighty slaughter, and treasure taken; and that, since, the Xtians have beseeged Newhawsell[d] and another towne, I think tis Buda.

I have had a very sore losse at Jamaica, my good friend Mr Long being dead, it having broke all my designes of settling a plantation there; for Sr T. Lynch advises mee to w^thdraw ye little stock I had sent thither in order to it, and I have accordingly desired him to make returnes of it as he can. I had a faire prospect, as I thought, of making a provision for my younger children from thence; but now they must depend upon Providence, wch will be more sure.

[a] Sir Thomas Jones.

[b] Roger North ?

[c] Sir Edward Herbert, son of the Lord Keeper, was made Chief Justice of Chester.

[d] Neuhäusel, in Hungary.

I heard by somebody ye other day, it was my Ld Cardigan[a] who lives heere, that you are coming back. I have it often in my thoughts a fit husband for y^r^ daughter, and methinkes you cannot choose a better party for both sides then my Ld Grey;[b] or why not my Ld Manchester ? But these you cannot escape the consideration of, and therefore I had as good have sayd nothing. Y^r^ daughters fortune is much more considerable by ye no remote possibillities she has of an encrease of it, not only from y^r^ L^p^ but her uncles, who are none of them married.

Pray, my L^d^, present my wifes and my humblest services to my Lady, &c.

The Bishop of Oxford to Lady Hatton.

Most honord Madam, [2 Nov. 1683.]

Your good Ladyship was so obliging to write two daies together, and I am desirous to transcribe that pattern; for, tho I would mortify all other ambitions, I can not quietly permit myself to be outdon in kindness. It is a bold attemt to think to equal my Lady Hatton in the expressions of friendship, but I should deserve to forfeit that relation, did I not endeavor to answer the obligations of it in punctual, tho imperfect, returns. I should be glad to hear that my Lord your brother had left Paris and begun his journey for Italy, while the weather favours travail and the Alps have not the cold of winter added to their snow.

Your honor was pleasd to enquir of a book calld the Beauty of Holiness,[c] pretended to be writen by the author of the Whole Duty of Man, whither it were really wrote by him. To satisfy your Ladiship herein, I am to let you know that some artifice has bin

[a] Robert Brudenell, 2nd Earl of Cardigan.

[b] *i.e.*, Lord Grey of Ruthyn.

[c] "A Discourse concerning the Beauty of Holiness." London, 1679. 8vo.

usd by several writers to make their labours more passable by a pretence to this title; and yet, to justify themselves, if a more strict enquiry be made into it, one of them cald his book, The Duty of Man; another, The Whole Duty of Man, Gatherd out of the Scriptures; another, A Supplement to the Whole Duty of Man; so that, when the future writings of the first author which refer to his precedent book are questioned, tis answered that they refer to the book cald The Duty of Man, and not The Whole Duty. The second saies that he refers to that book of his that gatherd the whole duty of man out of Scripture, and not the other; and the third, if he chance to write a farther supplement, will have to say for himself that he only referd to the former supplement, which he plainly owns not to have bin writen by the same hand which wrote the original book. Thus, Madam, you see what little arts there are in the world to deceive without saying downright untruths, to the second of which I think your enquiry refers. Within few weeks all the genuine writings will, I hope, be finisht in one volume, that will in some measure for the future supersede the like frauds[a] I must not end till I have wisht your dear honor all comfort, health, and blessing, and desird you to present my respects to your good sister and daughter, assuring you that I am and ever shall be, honord Madam,

Your most faithfull serv^{t} in our Lord,

Jo. Oxon.

[a] "The Ladies Calling" and other works by the author of "The Whole Duty of Man" were published in 1684, with an introduction by Fell, in which he mentions the imitations referred to above.

Elizabeth Montagu[a] to the same.

Nov. 27, [1683].

Did I not beleive, dear Madam, that you have better intelligence of all the news then I can give you, I should oftener venter to trouble your Ladyship with my letters; so that, that being the reason of my silence, I hope your Ladyship will forgive the not writing, since I designe it as a greater kindnes to you, dear Madam, then the contray. My Lady and all hear was mighty glad to hear that you was breeding, and shall be very much pleased to have that good news confirmed from your Ladyship, and when we shall have the satisfaction of seeing you all in London again. I see my cousin, Jane Hatton,[b] often, so I know by her how all our frinds doe at Guersney.

Now as to news: M[r] Sydney has been tryed and found guilty and condemed, but when he is to be execuetted I know not. The Duke of Monmouth surrenderd himself to the King, and was receivd by him and Duke as well as he ever was. What he has discovered is not known. The Attourney was ordered to putt a stop to all proceedings against him. He goes to court just as he usd to doe. I beleive your Ladyship knew my Lady Killdaire,[c] who, pore woman, is dead of the small pox, which she got with being with her Lord who has had it. She is a great lose to her son. The other night Lady Mary Garett[d] and her women and some other of her compainions was at a tavern, whear they had musick; and after some time they went away and would not pay the musick; and so thare was a quarrell amoungest them, and some of the fiddlers was killed,

[a] Daughter of Robert, third Earl of Manchester. She married Sir James Montagu, Lord Chief Baron.

[b] A sister of Lord Hatton.

[c] Elizabeth Holles, daughter of John, 2nd Earl of Clare, and wife of Wentworth Fitz-Gerald, 17th Earl of Kildare.

[d] Mary, daughter of Charles Berkeley, Earl of Falmouth, and wife of Sir Gilbert Cosins Gerard, of Fiskerton, co. Linc., Bart. She was divorced in 1684.

and thoes that did it was taken, and one of them was the Ladys women in mans cloaths, who was a Friench women; and she is much concerned and tells many storys of her lady, who thare is a warant from my Lord Chief Justice to take; but I fancy she will not be easyly found, for, if she should, it is beleived she will be punished. They say the women will be hanged. My Lady and my brother and all heare gives thare humble servies to my Lord and your Ladyship and cousen Hattons. I will now releas you, dear Madam, with the assurance of my being

Your Ladyships most humble sarvant,

ELIZABETH MOUNTAGUE.

WILLIAM LONGUEVILLE.

MY L^{d}, Thursday, ye 6th of Dec^{r}, 1683.

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Our publick goes untowardly wth ye mobile, who doe so raise up spiritt by reason of ye Duke of Monmouth as is not fit for mee to expresse. 2 councells were held yesterday; and now his Grace is fully pardoned, hee is resty, and ye last plott is gone and never was, as say some. Mr. Sidny doth dye too morrow, as most doe say.

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Your Lops. most faithfull and humble servant,

W. L.

THE BISHOP OF OXFORD.

MY HONORD LORD, [14 Dec., 1683.]

In my last I gave your Lordship notice of the calamity which had befalln me in the loss of my sister, which every day I have new

occasions to be sensible of. It will be a relief to me to hear that all is safe with your Lordship and my good Lady and the blessing which she gives you expectation of.

The late changes at Court have put all men at gaze. The Duke of Monmouths return and pardon and favor with the King and great applications made to him were the wonder of a week; and, after that, his being forbid the Court and discharged from his lodgings at the Cockpit are as unexpected a turn upon the other side. There are not such tides in the sea wherewith you are encompassed as there is in Court interest and favor. Your Lordship hears that Mr. Sidney died with the same surliness wherewith he liv'd; and indeed mens deaths are seldom better then their lives. I beseech Almighty God to carry your Lordship with an entire vertue and honor thro this naughty world; and, after all your afflictions, to return to you in mercy and comfort.

I remain, my honord Lord, your

Most humble and affectionat ser^{vt},

Jo. Oxon.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My d^{r} Lord, Whitehall, Dec^{br} 17th, 1683.

I have bine so much at Richm^{d} of late that truly I have had little opportunity to write you any thing of that has passd heere, till I knew you had it from other hands, tho' the various metamorphoses of the D. of M[onmouth] (and in that of the Court too) might have employed severall hands to describe it. His coming in was a huge surprize to ye standers by, and his reception wth the usual goodnes and indulgence of the King But all this wth himself sudenly disappeared, for, upon his refusing to sign an acknowledgm^{t}

of his having had a share in ye late conspiracy, he was commanded from Court (his pardon being sealed), and accordingly he retired and is, I think, at present at Moore Park. The K^g^ has since made a narrative in Councill of his confessions before he rec^d^ him to grace, and of w^ht^ passd since, and commanded it to be all entered into ye Councill book.

The Bishop of Oxford.

My honord Lord, 8 Jan., [1684].

The northern parts of England are by God and nature liberally stor'd with fuel; else, your daughter would have an ill time of it this very cold season in hir wintering in the north. Notwithstanding the severity of the last year, it was in no degree so fatal as this has prov'd already, every day bringing news of persons who in several places have bin overwhelmed in snow or otherwise perisht with cold; but tis to be hoped that what is violent will not be of long continuance, and the return of the sun will restore us to more treatable weather.

This Christmas has produced an alteration in my family. A little before the holidaies, Colonel Macartie, uncle to the Earl of Clancartie, brought a letter from my Lord Sunderland, signifying his Maties pleasure that the young Earl should keep his Christmas at London with his uncle. No sooner the poor creature came up but he was married to my Lord Sunderland's daughter, and is finally remov'd from hence.[a] Such extraordinary proceedings are not

[a] Donough Macarthy, Earl of Clancarty, was at this time only fifteen ; the bride, Elizabeth Spencer, only eleven. They were separated after the ceremony, and did not meet again till 1698. Their romantic story is well known through Macaulay's *History*. See also Burnet's *History of his own Time*, i. 601.

usd to be very fortunate. If heirs of families can be thus disposd of, parents have little security either of their children or estates.

It seems Sr John Churchill has put an end to the contest about the Mastership of the Rolls. If he can hold it for the same terme his predecessor did, twill be a very gainfull emploiment to him.[a] But your Lordship sits by unconcerned and pities those that toil to be miserable and envied. That you may have the blessing of content and self-denial is praied for in your behalf by, my honord Lord, your

Most humble and affectionat ser^vt^,

Jo. Oxon.

I am apt to think that my Lord Prestons journy is only to agitate for supplies of mony, which letters are not prevalent enough to procure. Since Sr George Wakeman was my Lord Grey's doctor, tis well his ailing was only the jaundice, wch every nurse can prescribe to. The exercise of a journey is the surest remedy for that distemper; and Bruxels will make a more thorow cure then the knight.

The same.

My honord Lord, 25 Jan. [1684].

The weather is such that there is little likelihood my letters should come to your hands. However, I cannot forbear to write and repete my wishes of health and comfort to your good Lordship and lady. I do not hear of any likelihood of a parliament to call you

[a] He died in 1685. He was a cousin of his namesake the Duke of Marlborough.

over this spring, but you have another occasion wch I hope will be successfull.

Tis said that the misunderstandings of the two great men at Court grow every day higher, and that the Earl of Anglesey has lately bin called before the King and Counsel for charging the Lord Howard for accusing the Duke of Monmouth falsely, the Earle saying that the Lord Russel was murtherd. My Lord Anglesey, being requird by the King to answer whither he had said such things, desired to be excusd, saying that what was suggested was only private discourse in his own house. There is a subpena issued out against the Duke to summon his appearance, but tis not likely to be servd, it being not known where he is. Tis thought that the Lords in the Tower may speedily have their liberty. There is no news yet of the fleet at Tanger. The charge of their work, its thought, will be double to what it was estimated. Captain Herbert,[a] who was lately admiral against Algiers, is made Rear Admiral of England for his life. Your Lordship hears I presume what executions the French make in the Spanish Netherlands, and how Amsterdam and some other towns belonging to the state oppose the levies for their assistance. Also, how the Electoral College advise the Emperor to a peace with France, and how the King of Poland has bin disobligd by the Emperor designing to make a separate peace with the Turks. The league between the Dane and French is said to be renewed, and how far that may extend is not well known. I pray God bring peace out of this discord and confusion, and give comfort and blessing to your Lordship and family.

I remain, my honord Lord, your

Most humble and affectionat serv^{t},

Jo. Oxon.

[a] Arthur Herbert, who took such a distinguished part in the Revolution; afterwards Earl of Torrington.

The same to Lady Hatton.

Most honord Madam, 25 Jan. [1684].

You will allow me to give myself the satisfaction of constant writing, tho I am deprivd of that of hearing. The severity of cold continues still upon us; but I look down upon it as one of the worst effects of the rigor of the season that all commerce and intercourse are frozen up. We are told strange stories of several streets built upon the river of Thames that have joined Southwark to London. I should be glad if the practice could be emproved to make a road to Guernsay and join it unto our continent, that there might be an easier passage for letters to you and for your honors return to us. In the meantime this new city upon the river is a lively embleme of the designes and business of this world, where the foundation is water and the first thaw drowns the whole fabric. That your honor may build upon the unmoveable foundations of piety and vertue, wch no change of weather or affairs can undermine, is the praier of,

honord Madam,
Your
Most faithfull ser^{vt} in our Lord,
Jo. Oxon.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, Richm^{d}, June 14, [1684].

I was yesterday at Hampton Court, where there was a Councill. There was Mr Constable, Mr Chidleys[a] Secretary, who took Arm-

[a] Thomas Chudleigh, English minister at the Hague.

strong. He gave this acct. of it: that he had bine wth him, my Ld Grey, and others, at Cleve; so has ever since had some notice w^ht^ became of them. And, so soone as Mr Chidley knew y^t^ Armstrong was come into Holland, he got an order from ye States to apprehend him where he then was, and demanded of him to assist him in the executing it. He made some scruple; but he telling him he w^d^ get 500^li^ by it the K^g^ had promised, wch he was ready to pay him, the rhetorick prevailed; and he, wth 3 more, went immediately to his lodging into the roome he was in, and Constable layd hold on him and s^d^: "This is the man." Another in ye roome wth him drew his sword, and Armstrong put his hand towards his; but they presently tooke away his sword and the others that were wth them shuffled away and were some of his gang, but there was no order to seize them. Armstrong presently pretended a great neede to goe to ye privy, and it happened there was one w^th^in ye roome. Being permitted to doe so, he threw 2 papers into it; wch being perceived, they seized w^ht^ els he had about him, and, after, recovered these 2 papers, wch were found to be one a letter to ye Duke of Brandenbourgs secretary and another to a Frenchman who was secretary to my Ld Montague when he was Embassador. I think his name is Fallazy or some thing like it, and where he is I know not; but they were both from ye D. of Monmouth to recommend Armstrong's worthines to theyr care and protection; which I heare the King has so much the more reason to take offence at, that the D. of Monmouth gave Armstrong the worst charrecter to ye King in ye world, when he was last wth ye King

Armstrong, when he was taken, pleaded it was contrary to ye laws of nations for to seize him under another dominion, for w^ht^ he had done heere; and the rather, being a naturall subject to the States, as being born at Nimeguen, and his mother a Duch woman (and so it was). However, they put irons on him and brought him to ye Hague; and there had 12 of an English yachs crew came well armed, and carried him away to Scedam, and so abord ye yach.

His wife and daughters presented a petition at Windsor. The K^g said he had pardoned him twice and kept his councill into ye bargayn, that was, he had taken no notice of w^ht he knew of his being pensioner and spy to Cromwell.[a] They petitioned, as I heare, the K^gs Bench yesterday, to take of ye outlawrie; but it was thrown by, and 'twas said there yesterday he w^d receive his sentence to-day.

It's true the Pope took M^r D'Estree,[b] the French Am: at Rome, by the hand and lead him to an altar, where he kneeled down and prayd God would make his M^r sensible of the innocent blood and all the miseries he had brought upon the Xtian world, or, in his due time, revenge it on him; and in ye consistory they had a consult if he sh^d not be excommunicated, there being 14 cardinalls for it; but the Pope s^d he w^d yet wayte Gods leizure to give him further time to repent before he w^d proceed to so severe a sentence. The French fleete is gone out againe, and tis beleeved to bombard Barcelona.

I heard yesterday my Ld Brudenel[c] w^d buy the M^r of ye Hors[d] place of Ld Dartmouth.

[a] Burnet also mentions this, that Charles alleged that he refused mercy to Armstrong for this reason. The story was, that he had been sent by Cromwell to assassinate Charles. He left papers with the sheriffs to refute the charge.

[b] Cardinal César d'Estrées.

[c] Francis Brudenell, son of the Earl of Cardigan.

[d] He means Master of the Ordnance.

Dr. Edmund King.[a]

My Lord, Hatton Garden, June 21, [16]84.

The consideration I have had of your Lord^{ps} melancholia,[b] together wth my owne, and illnesses y^{t} had attended me, has often prevented my writing to y^{r} Lord^{p} to aske how you doe, tho' God knows you have been often in my thoughts on many acc^{ts}, and perhaps as kind wones too as can be conceivd in the breast of one in my sphear. My Lord, there is noe body shall be glador then my selfe to hear of your Lord^{ps} health; and, if I durst, I would advice you to all things lawfull for your health and comfort in this world, wch may be soe manag'd as not to hinder those of the next. Your Lord^{p} is certainly to consider some things a little sooner under your circumstances then others of yor quallities. Will yor Lord^{p} pardon me if my affection outruns my judgment (in your Lord^{ps} thoughts), if I deserve y^{t} censure when I shall tell you your Lord^{p} I beleive will doe well to have an eye to the support of yor familie, and look upon y^{r} glass how the sand runs, and give me leave to say I know a Lords granddaughter who is about 19, finely accomplisht, bredd by the Countess of K——, her grandmother, 5 or 6000^{li} certaine, or therabouts. Beautie inough, nay, a large share, vertue, and hono^{r} unspotted. Those y^{t} have her in care, I am sure, will be glad a time might be thought fitt to be admitted into y^{r} Lord^{ps} thoughts. Ill say no more nowe, till I hear whether yor Lord^{p} will bear this hint from him y^{t} has noe end but true love for yor Lord^{sp} and am certainly yor Lord^{ps} faithfull sarvent.

[a] The physician who was present when Charles the Second was seized with the fit which preceded his death. King bled him and restored him to consciousness, a service for which a thousand pounds was awarded to him. It appears, however, from the Bishop of Oxford's letter of the 7th February, 1686, that the reward was never paid, but that King received knighthood instead, which, as the Bishop observes, was equivalent to fining him a hundred pounds. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society.

[b] Lady Hatton had died in May.

I am not asham'd of my name, but will not now write it; yet I hope y^r^ Lord^p^ knowes my hand, tho' in this place smaller than usual.

My Lord, if I have adventur'd to be reprov'd, pray doe it tenderly, or I shall be extreamly troubl'd.

William Longueville.

Tunbridge, Aug^st^ the last, [1684].

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Yesterday my Ld Rochester (now Ld Presid^t^), having been here 3 or 4 dayes, tooke his lady hence. Hee was to my thinking in a good humour, played at nine pins and took ye other usuall courses whereby this place is entertaining. Hee has 16000^l^ given out of ye Ld Grey's estate.[a]

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My L^d^,

Your Lops most faithfull and
obedient servant,
Wm Longueville.

[a] Ford, Lord Grey of Werke.

THE SAME.

My L[d], 27[th] of Sept[r], 1684.

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The King last night gave an end to y[e] commission for ecclesiasticall matters. Chiefe Justice Jefferyes was then also admitted of y[e] caball. S[r] Robert Wright[a] hath y[e] fame of succeeding Judge Wyndham,[b] but I know not of a certainty that it is fixed on him. One justice Baily, of Wapping, was committed by y[e] Chief Justice for kidnapping. Y[e] Scotch discovery[c] and some confessions doe reach great men there, and more I can't say. Y[e] Countesse of Pembroke[d] last night first presented herselfe to y[e] Queen, and w[th] competent assurance. M[r] Browne,[e] y[e] clerke of y[e] L[ds] House, is dead, and Matt. Johnson is now Clericus Parliamentorum. Y[e] Bp. of Winton[f] is reported dead; M[r] H. Coventry not like to live;[g] M[r] Guy[h] to have left his last mistresse. An odd libell is sayd to be abroad about Earl of Essex his death,[i] w[ch] I never saw nor desire to see. I think I tire your Lop., so humbly take leave.

[a] He was made Baron of the Exchequer.

[b] Sir Hugh Wyndham, of the Common Pleas, died on the 27th July, 1684.

[c] Of a plot supposed to be connected with the Rye House plot in England.

[d] Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Sawyer, sometime Attorney General, lately married to Thomas Herbert, 8th Earl of Pembroke.

[e] John Browne.

[f] Dr. George Morley.

[g] Henry Coventry died at the end of 1686.

[h] Henry Guy, afterwards Secretary to the Treasury.

[i] This seems to be a pamphlet with the title of "Hue and Cry after the Earl of Essex's Murder."

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

3 Feb., 1685.

Yesterday, as ye King was dressing, he was seized wth a convulsion fit and gave a greate scream and fell into his chaire. Dr King, happening to be present, wth greate judgment and courage (tho' he be not his sworn phizitian), w^th^out other advise, imediately let him blood himself. He had 2 terrible fits, and continued very ill all day, and till 1 or 2 a clock at night. He had severall hot pans applied to his head, wth strong spirrits. He had the antimoniall cup, wch had no greate effect; but they gave him strong purges and glisters, wch worked very well; and they cuppd him and put on severall blistering plasters of cantharides. It tooke him abt. 8 a clock, and it was eleven before he came to himself. He was not dead, for he expressed great sense by his grounes all ye time. At midnight there was little hopes; but after, he fell a sleepe and rested well 3 or 4 howers, and S^r^ Ch. Scarboro[a] told mee he thinkes him in a hopefull way to doe well. His plasters were taken of this morning, and the blisters run very well; only one is yet on his leg, wch is very painfull.

He found himself ill when he rose; and those abt. him perceived it (but he s^d^ nothing) by his talking and answering not as he used to doe; and he went into his closset in his gown, and stayd half an hower alone; and Thom Howard[b] desired Will Chiffing to goe to him, but he w^d^ not let him come in, and as soone as he came out the convulsion seized him, and he fell into his chaire. The phizitians conclude the sore on his heele was ye gowte, and the applying plasters to it repelled ye humor to his head.

Tuesday, 7 at night.—The Kings head is not yet opened, that is, ye plasters of cantharides to raise blisters not yet taken of.

His mouth and tongue and throate are inflamed wth ye hot mede-

[a] The physician.

[b] Groom of the Bedchamber.

cines, and is ye cause he has bine twice let blood since noone; but the 2^d^ time was because ye 1st was unsuccessful; and he bled not above 2 ounces, wch was by Pierce, ye 2^d^ time by Hols, and then he bled 9 ounces.

The phizitians were wth ye Councill this afternoone, and told them they beleeved his Majesty in a condition of safety.

My Ld Alington[a] died a Sunday. Sr Thomas Vernon is dead too of ye K^gs^ distemper. The ports are all stopt, and expresses gone to Scotland and Ireland, as to all the L^t^enancies in England. All is very quiet heere, wch God grant may continue and ye King recover.

William Longueville.

My L^d^, 3rd of Feb^ry^, [1685].

Yesterday, when ye King was dressed, hee fell very suddainly down of an apoplecticall fitt or of convulsions (at our end of ye towne I have nothing certain), and Dr King then present and having his lance did presently bleed him, which did much good and caused him to recover somewhat of sence. All the day various reports went of his mending and growing worse, as apprehensions &c. are among us. But this present day began with ye good news of his Ma^tys^ very good night and amending, as much as in so short a time could be hoped. Y^e^ Ld Allington, Constable of ye Tower, dyed suddainly, and our King was mencioning of it when hee was himselfe taken. My Ld Keeper on Sunday evening told mee that hee was much pleased wth your Lops. catalogue, and that hee would ask ye favour of seeing some of them. But (my L^d^) you have I think in that neglected [the] study over Easton House

[a] William, second Lord Alington.

doore, somewhat more considerable to a law student or judge, if you can find opportunity to looke for ye same.

Mr. Fanshawe will write your Lop. word how happily things goe on still at court; and how considerable Dr King is like to bee, I believe many wayes your Lop. will heare, for ye Duke was, and is, fully bent for expressing his thanks to him for the good successe he hath had.

I am in much hast, but allwayes,

My L^d^,

Your Lops. most obedient servant,

W. L.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, Feb. 5th, 8 at night, [1685].

The K^g^ has bine very ill, allmost since 12 a clock last night. He had indeed some intervale and gave good hopes of amend^mt^, w^ch^, ever since dinner, have bine dashd; his disease being, as is supposed, fallen upon his lungs, wch makes him labor to breath, and I see nothing but sad lookes come out from him. I come just from above to tell you this, wch will flye but too fast to one that loves him so well. God Allmighty comfort and preserve him and ye kingdomes.

William Longueville,

My L^{d}, From Ld Keeper's, Saterday, the 7th of Feb. [1685].

You will heare of our King's death yesterday about 12 at noone. I am, by Ld Keeper's order, to tell your Lop. that this evening orders were for proclaiming of King James in Guernsy and Jersy. Y^{e} King's body was opened too day in the presence of 20 physitians and others, and found infinitely full of blood in severall parts, as if drowned wth blood. His now Ma^{ty} hath declared hee will protect ye Prot^{t} religion, ye Law, and satisfyed many; wch will be in print. All officers are as they were yett. My Ld Keeper doth advise your Lop. to come up immediately. In hast,

My L^{d},

Your Lops. &c.,

Wm. Longueville.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

Whitehall, March 6th, [1685].

Mr de Laune,[a] the P^{sse} of Oranges secretary, who came hither wth Mr Overkirk[b] and was sent back by ye K^{g} to ye Prince wth some conditions upon wch the K^{g} w^{d} receive the Prince into his confidence, is now returned. The K^{g} insisted that ye Prince sh^{d} absolutely abandon the D. of Mon:, and command all that depend or favour him out of ye States dominions, and cashiere 6 officers of his army who were named of that number. The P. has absolutely resigned himself and them to his Maties pleasure.[c]

[a] Abel Tasien d'Allonne.

[b] Henry van Nassau, Heer van Ouwerkerk, made Master of the Horse by William III.

[c] See Burnet's account of this, i. 29.

This night Marshall de Lorge[a] had publike audience of theyr Maties, in quallity of envoy. The K^g received him sitting in a chaire wth his hat on, contrary to the custom, as they say, of ye late King, tho' that has bine ever the way of receiving our envoys in France, not only by the K^g himself, but by ye Dauphin and Monsieur. This day the Prince of Denmark rec^d the news of his mother's death.[b] The K^g has touchd twice this week, and the service performd by his sworn chaplains. Tis sayd heereafter, before he heales, he will, after ye practisse of Ed. the Confessor, goe to confession and receive the Sacram^t, and, after the healing, retire to pray after ye form he used.

It may be, you have not heard that the King commanded Herbert ye Adm: to take his wife[c] again, and that he told a young Lord of greate quallity, when he came to kisse his hand, y^t he must not expect any further favour or countenance from him, while he continued to live in so much unditifullnesse towards his father.

The Lord Doncaster[d] was presented to night in ye drawing roome to ye King and Queene.

The Bishop of Oxford.

My honord L^d, June 23, [1685].

We are here full of the good news from Scotland, and hope rebellion is a plant which will not thrive better in England. However, we go on to raise in this place[e] our voluntier militia, consisting of two troops of horse and six companies of foot, wch will be

[a] Guy Aldonce de Durfort, Duc de Lorges-Quintin, Marshal of France, envoy to congratulate James on his accession.

[b] Queen Sophia Amalia, consort of Frederic III.

[c] His first wife, Anne Hadley. The reader will be reminded of Macaulay's account of the conversation between James and Herbert on conscience.

[d] James, son of the Duke of Monmouth who was also Earl of Doncaster.

[e] At Oxford. Fell was very energetic in raising volunteers in the University.

settled in very few daies, and we shall not be sorry to have put ourselves to needless trouble. My Lord Argile will, I hope, be able to give the King a true account what charitable prince it was that assisted him with such a quantity of arms and mony, that just retribution be made for so liberal a benefaction. If it please God that a good account be given of the Duke of Monmouth and his party, tis to be hoped there will be no cause for your Lordships being commanded to Guernesay, but that you may be permitted to stay among your friends in England and attend your own occasions. My Lord Grey, I presume, is in the west, where I heartily wish he may light into a good sort of acquaintance. Some of the young noblemen of the town who are gon down, will, I doubt, be of as little use to the public service as they will be to him. God Almighty give a good issue to this concern of the State, and prosper your Lordship in your private interests, which is heartily praied by,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most humble and affectionat ser^{vt},

Jo. Oxon.

THE SAME.

My honord Lord, [25 June, 1685.]

I hope my Lord Grey, who applies himself to your Lordship to be furnisht with mony to raise his troop, dos also crave your advice and assistance in the choice of his officers and soldiers, men of such fidelity and courage with whom it may be fit for him to hazard the great state of life and fortune.

It is an odd piece of pageantry that the late Duke of Monmouth should assume the stile of King;[a] besides the extravagance of the claim, it is not popular with his party, who are all averse from kingly government. So that I am apt to think tis don upon the notion

[a] He was proclaimed at Taunton on the 20th June.

that there is some legal security to them who fight for a king, however frail his title be. But where the whole transaction is madness, tis a vain thing to seek for the reason of what is don. I pray God as good an end may be put to ours as is to the Scotish rebellion. It is not easy to guess, unless there be great expectations from London, what should encourage such a handfull of men to wait till they are overlaid by numbers from all parts of the nation. A foreign aid, tho of our next neighbour, cannot give encouragement of having timely relief.

I am very sorry to hear that your daughter is indisposd upon her going abroad, but hope the inconvenience suddainly past over, and has left no other effect behind besides caution for the future. Methinks one of the two holidaies which now happen should give a vacancy for a meeting in your Lordship's affair, that you may have the satisfaction of some kind of prospect into what is likely to be don. That all your concerns may have blessing and success is earnestly praied by, my honord Lord,

Your Lordships
Most humble and affectionat ser^{vt},
Jo. Oxon.

THE SAME.

MY HONORD LORD, June 28, [1685].

It will be high time that somewhat be attemted upon the rebells by the King's forces, for it is an unaccountable thing that they should be sufferd to ramble up and down for several weeks without any notice taken of them, or so much as a single troop falling upon their rear. Whatever bystanders think of it, neighbor princes will imagin that we ar a very easy prey to an invading army, who cannot make head, in three weeks time, to a desperate man who

landed with only an hundred and fifty with him; but I hope this reproach shall proceed no farther, and that rebellion will be as short livd in England as it has bin in Scotland.

I perceive the parliament is not yet adjourned, and your Lordship has not hitherto any instructions whither you are to go to Guernsey or Northamptonshire. It is a great satisfaction when our choices are fixt by our superiors, for then, whatever the event be, we can justify ourselves, as to the world, so also, what is of more moment, to our own consciences. If your Lordship be commanded to your government, you have a sister and daughter who will not regret to bear you company, and, if you think fit to leave your daughter behind, God be thankd she has that vertue and prudence which may supersede your fears of hir miscarriage in your absence. Tho, considering the tenderness of a young ladies fame in this malicious world, which no guard of innocence or caution can secure, and also considering how boundless a parents fears will be in the behalf of an only child that is far off, I am apt to think your Lordship may in the close resolve not to part company. Whatever you conclude upon, I beseech Almighty God to give it blessing. I remain,

My honord Lord,

Your most humble and affectionat ser^{vt},

Jo. Oxon.

THE SAME.

MY HONORD LORD, Jul. 12, [1685].

It has pleasd Almighty God to put a happy end to the two rebellions of the north and west, and disappoint the expectation of ill men among our selves and in our neighbourhood. While others entertain themselves with jollities and boastings, it will be our duty to look up unto that Providence which only can give and preserve peace to governments and render it a blessing. I am sure the poor Church of England is infinitly concerned to recommend hirself by

all offices of devotion and duties of religion to that overruling power and goodness she entirely subsists by, and, having a conversation in heaven, be also the care of it.

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I remain,
My honord Lord, your
Most humble and affectionat ser^{vt},
Jo. Oxon.

THE SAME.

MY HONORD LORD, Jul. 19, [1685].

The manner of the D. of Monmouths death is matter of great mortification to me. Tis a strange instance of obduration and being given up to strong delusion that a dying man should think himself sure of salvation, and yet not think it necessary to repent of murther, rebellion, and adultery, or own himself to have bin guilty of them, notwithstanding the most manifest notoriety of fact which fix those guilts upon him. We, who partake the same human frailty, have great reason not to be high-minded; but fear, considering that whatever befalls any other may happen to us, and that nothing can distinguish or make secure but the grace and favor of Almighty God, out of which men may sin themselves to such a degree as to believe themselves saints when they are incarnat devils, and take themselves to be secure of heaven when they are sinking into the pit of hell.

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I remain, my honord Lord,
Your Lordships
Most humble and affectionat ser^{vt},
Jo. Oxon.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, At Taunton, Octob^r 7th, [16]85.

I thought it unreasonable to divert you wth ye entertainem^ts^ of this place, wch have bine nothing but complaints of ye violence of our predecessors to ye country in all kinds, both as to the persons as well as goods, such as I have scarce known practissed at any time in our former civill warrs, and wch I cannot but beleeve wee shall heare more of, when ye parlim^t^ meetes; and of the execution of so many of ye traitors heere, 18 at one lump, and all quartered, and more every day in other parts of ye country, wch will be to ye number of neere 300;[a] and most of theyr quarters are, and will be, set up in ye townes and highways, so y^t^ ye countrey lookes, as one passes, allready like a shambles. You may think w^ht^ it will be, when all is done. Those who suffered here were so far from deserving any pitty, at least most of em, and those of ye best fashion (unlesse, to speake more charritably, it be most greevous), that they shewd no shew of repentance, as if they died in an ill cause but justified theyr treason and gloried in it.

The Bishop of Oxford.

My honord L^d^, [20 Dec., 1685.]

I am exceedingly glad that your affair goes on so prosperously

[a] The exact number of rebels whom Jeffreys hanged, as stated by Lord Macaulay, was three hundred and twenty. The condemnatory remarks of Lyttelton are of peculiar significance in the mouth of a courtier. Macaulay has not overcoloured his vivid picture of the Bloody Assizes.

with my Lord Notingham;[a] but it was some surprize to me to be told it by the public news letter. This is a peculiar way of publishing the bans of matrimony and, if it can obtain, will supersede the use of an Act of Parliament against clancular marriages. Your daughter, if she can comport with the temper of a grave husband and denie hirself those gaities which may be decent for the wife of one who is of hir age, may promise to herself as much happiness in this disposal as is to be had in this world. But little things lead to great, and, if herein she can comply and render hirself a meet helper, she will not want any sober enjoiment or real satisfaction.

I wish my Lord Clarendon good luck with his honor,[b] which to me seems sufficiently hazardous. His son's match seems very desirable, but it comes often to pass that rich widows prove poor wives;[c] and I am told there are several pretensions to the personal estate of Mrs Whitmore, wch may make a better dividend among the lawiers then the executor of kindred. If the condition of those other officers who are cashierd[d] be no worse then Mr Cook's, they will not be in ill circumstances by the loss of their commands. I pray God fit us for the more necessary duty of obeying, and preserve to us our laws and our religion. I add my heartiest praiers for the continuance of all blessing to your Lordship and family, remaining,

My honord Lord,

your most humble and affectionat ser^vt^,

Jo. Oxon.

[a] Daniel Finch, Earl of Nottingham, afterwards Secretary of State. His first wife was Lady Essex Rich, daughter of Robert, Earl of Warwick. His marriage with Anne Hatton, referred to in this letter, took place on the 29th December, 1685. He was born in 1647, and was therefore twenty-one years older than his bride.

[b] As Lord-Lieuteuant of Ireland.

[c] The match did not come off. Edward Hyde, Viscount Cornbury, afterwards third Earl of Clarendon, married Catherine, daughter of Henry, Lord O'Brien, eldest son of the Earl of Thomond.

[d] "Several of the officers, military and civill, that appeared in the house of commons in this present parliament against the king's interest are (tis said) dismis'd their several places and commands; as, Sir Stephen Fox, lord Manchester, capt. Cook, capt. Browne and others." Luttrell, under date of 13 Dec. 1685.

THE SAME.

MY HONORD L^d^, [7 Feb., 1686.]

I was in hope that the practice of duelling had bin forgot; but, if it be resum'd, tis to be doubted this little intervall of late will only give a greater appetite and the recommendation of a fashion newly reviv'd. This instance happening where an example is not likely to be made is the more unfortunat, for without severity a stop will not be put.[a] The age of the young lady whom your Lordship mentions is no objection, unless there have bin some personal obstacle which has kept one from a husband till two or three and twenty years are over when there was a portion of 20000^l^. Tis easy paiment of 1000^l^ to Dr King to quit scores by a knighthood, wch in truth is the fining him a hundred pound. In the mean time, tis well that a good officer is remembred at Court after a year is past, and that respit, which by the doctor's means was given, proved of greater importance then could be easily imagind.

I am, thank God, still upon my legs, and continue to go to church without inconvenience. I pray God perpetuate the happy opportunity.[b] Adding my praiers for the health and prosperity of your Lordship and family, I remain,

My honord Lord,

Your

Most humble and affectionat ser^vt^,

JO. OXON.

[a] He refers to the Duke of Grafton's duel, mentioned by Luttrell under date of 2nd February :—"The same day also the Duke of Grafton fought a duel with one Mr. Talbott, brother of the Earl of Shrewsbury, and killed him ; and Mr. Wharton, one of the lord Wharton's sons, killed an Irish man the same day."

[b] He died on the 10th July.

Alice Hatton.

[The 3 Feb., 1687].

You had heard from me last post, dearest Brother, but by a misstake my letter was forgott to be sent, wch I fretted extreamely att, but was born for misfortune of all kinds, and I am sure it would be ye greatest to me in ye world to give y^r^ L^dp^ the least occation to beleeve y^t^ any thing can ever make me omite paying all the duty and respect that is due to ye best of brothers. Ld Nottingham designes to goe to Nor[thampton] on Tuesday next, in order to see Ld Banbery's[a] house, wch he has a minde to buy. He was wth me yesterday, to settl my answer, wch I must, it seems, put in, for they will heare of nothing till that be done; and an inventory of every thing must be sett down, w^t^ they doe not demand as well as w^t^ they doe. When they have had all, I hope theyl be satisfied, and I must bare the loss.

Captain Hatton has had an unfortunait accident hapnd at Carlile. I have not heard a perfect relation how ye quarrell began, but, in short, Livetenant Gorge Comley[b] has killed Majoer Morgan,[c] that dined wth y^r^ L^dp^, at his tent, and tis said nobody was by when it was don but Captin H. There are two papist offisirs put into theire places.

Lady Manchester and all ye young ladies very well, present theere servis to y^r^ L^dp^ and my deare sister. She is this day gone to a weding feast. Ld Colrain's son married to a marchants daughter in ye Citty.[d] Ld Montagu's[e] son, if not dead, is given over by ye d^rs^.

[a] Charles Knollys, self-styled Earl of Banbury.

[b] Lieutenant of Charles Hatton's company.

[c] Major Jenkins Morgan, of the Queen Dowager's Regiment of Horse.

[d] Hugh, son of Henry Hare, second Lord Coleraine, married Lydia, daughter of Matthew Carlton, of Edmonton.

[e] ? Francis Browne, fourth Viscount Montague.

The death of ye lettl Princess, Lady Anne,[a] is a great aflection to ye Princes. Ld Grey has had another loss, besides his plate. His pag has picked his pockett of severall guinneys, but his L^dp^ has only had him whyped for it and still keeps him. Ld Manchester does not come from Venic till after Easter, and will not be in England soe soon as Aprill, as was expected. The Dean of Paul's[b] presents his servis to y^r^ L^dp^. I find he is very well enclined to leave St. Andrews, but, soe many parswades him against it, he is not yet resolved w^t^ to doe. Lady Ann Grimston in towne, and her neighbour La[dy] Wyseman[c] come to her house againe. It seems La[dy] North[d] was conserned in making ye match for Mr Spencer. She invited them both to her house, and when they met she locked them in a rome together. There are many surcomstances too long to trouble your L^dp^ wth from, my dearest Brother,

Y^r^ most truly af^et^ sister and

most obedient servant,

A. H.

L^d^ and La. Nottingham humbly beg y^r^ blessing. My servis to deare pretty Miss Bety. Ld N. will write next post.

The little Prences[e] has not ye measells but a feavour, and was last night in great danger.

[a] Anne Sophia, daughter of the Princess Anne, born 12 May, 1686, died 2 Feb. 1687.

[b] Edward Stillingfleet; Bishop of Worcester in 1689.

[c] Elizabeth, daughter of Dudley, Lord North, and wife of Sir Robert Wyseman, Dean of the Arches,.

[d] Catherine, daughter of William, Lord Grey of Werke, and wife of Charles, 5th Lord North and Grey.

[e] Mary, eldest daughter of the Princess Anne. She died a few days after this, on the 8th February.

The same.

March 8th, [16]8$\frac{6}{7}$.

I am soe troubled for y^{r} being ell, my dearest Brother, I dont know w^{t} to doe. I have had soe many aflictions of this kind, y^{t} I cant but dread this wch would, I am sure, be y^{e} greatest y^{t} ever can happen to me in y^{e} world. If it be God's will, as I pray night and day, to restore you to health againe, w^{t} ever ellse God pleases to lay upon me, I will never repine, but thinke myselfe happie soe long as I have my dearest brother Hatton. I am sorry my ugly letter gave you any disturbance. If I doe not heare next post of y^{r} being better I will come downe, and please God to see you, w^{t} ever becomes of me. Ld Nott: is now at Milton, and left this letter to be sent to y^{r} L^{dp}. Tis a great blessing to us all that y^{r} L^{dp} will take care of y^{r}selfe. Y^{t} ye remedies you use for ye recovery of y^{r} health may be succesful shall be ye dayly prayer of, dearest Brother,

Y^{r} most af^{t} sister to serve you,

A. H.

Lady Nott begs y^{r} blessing.

The same.

Easter Even, [26 March, 1687].

It was ye kindnest thing in the world, dearest Brother, to let me heare from you last post; for, in earnest, I am soe conserned for my poor sister H[atton]'s confinement to hir chamber, y^{t} my thoughts are never at rest but when I heare from you. It would be a melancholy thing to be allwayes in a chamber and have nothing to

doe, but pretty Miss Betty makes it not soe I hope to her dear mama. I am mighty glad she breeds her teeth soe well.

There was yesterday a vast crowed at Whithall to heare Dr Sharp.[a] Ye Bishop[b] went from thence to ye King's Chaple, and was there till ten a clock at night, and a Maunday Thursday went along wth B[ishop] Laban[c] all ye time he washed ye poor mens feet. Tis said Nell Guin is dead.[d] Ye King has seazed on hir estate and jewles for hir son, but, unless he will change his religion, he's not to have any thing, wch he is yet very unwilling to. Lady Nott. askes yr blessing and my dear's, whose humble servant I am, and, dearest Brother,

Yr most afftt sister to serve you,

A. H.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, March 29, 1687.

Last night, Mrs Ogle told mee she heard you were fallen very ill again, and that she more doubted it, because she had not heard in 3 posts from my Lady; wch yrs of ye 26 I recd to day undeceived us in. Mr Ambrose Brown, a captain in my Ld Plimouths regimt, was this day wth ye Kg a greate while, in his closset, and, after, dismissed from his employmt, so that you may find that matter is not yet over. Mrs Nelly has bine dying of an apoplexie. She is now come to her

[a] John Sharp, Dean of Norwich, afterwards Archbishop of York. Lately suspended for his sermon against Popery at St. Giles's. Luttrell records that "Dr. Sharp, Dean of Norwich, preached at the chapel at Whitehall before the princesse of Denmark."

[b] Probably Nathaniel, Lord Crew, Bishop of Durham.

[c] John Leyburn, Bishop of Adrumetum and Vicar Apostolic in England.

[d] She died on the 14th November of this year.

sense on one side, for ye other is dead of a palsey. She is thought to be worth 100000^li^; 2000^li^ in revenue, and ye rest jewells and plate.

Coll: Cornwall[a] is ab^t^ to deliver up his com^n^, pretending afaires ab^t^ his wife's fortune in Holland.

Will: Forrester,[b] who married a sister of Ld Salisbury, is sent for by a privy seale. He is at ye Hague, and his wife wth him.

My L^d^, have you not seene D^r^. Burnet's letters of his travells,[c] of wch many hundred copies are seized? I am glad my Lady is well. I have ye cramp, so I can scarce hold my pen.

Sir Edmund King.

My Lord, June 9th [16]87.

Tho' its near a 11 at night, and I fear the post is going, I cannot forbear to send you a peice of news, odd and unusuall. Ther was a rich Spanysh ship coming from the West Indies y^t^ was sunck three score years agoe, laden wth gold and silver. Duke Albemarle,[d] S^r^ Jo[hn] Narborough,[e] Sr James Hays, and another, gott a pattent from the late King, on tearms to gett all the gold and silver they could from the bottom of the sea by any art y^t^ ever they have been 10 years a trying, and gott dyvers (men used to it) out of the West Indies, and found this ship, and gott her up and safe into the river, worth two hundred and 50 thousand pounds in gold and silver. Duke Albemarle's share, 2 eights, is 40000; Sr James Hays as

[a] Henry Cornwall, colonel of one of the regiments of Foot.

[b] Sir William Forester, of Dothill, co. Salop, married Mary Cecil, daughter of James, third Earl of Salisbury.

[c] "Some Letters containing an Account of what seemed most remarkable in Switzerland, Italy," &c. Amsterdam, 1686, 8vo.

[d] Christopher Monk, the second Duke.

[e] The admiral.

much, 40000; and others proportionable. The King reserv'd a 10th for himselfe. It's certainly true; youl heare it more at large quickly.

Pray excuse

Yr humble servant,

Ed. King.

The news came yesterday morn, at 3 a clock; and I beseech you present my humble service to my Lady Hatton. They are working on another ship.

Dr. Samuel Freeman.[a]

My Lord, July 7th [16]87.

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The last occurrence yt has been ye subject of ye towntalke was ye Pope's Nuncio's[b] public entrance into Windsor ye last Sunday. His Matie desir'd ye Duke of Sommerset[c] to attend at it; but hee desir'd to bee excus'd, and is dismist his places for refusing. The Ld Bp. of Durham's and Chester's[d] coaches were, as its comonly said, in ye traine. Some of ye dissenters are very brisk upon ye dissolution of ye parliament, but I am of opinion ye popish interest will not find yt assistance from them, when a new one is to bee chosen, as is expected, Some of ym say they'l never let go ye Test. The governrs of Charter-house, on Midsummer day, refusd ye King's mandate to admitt an old man, a papist.[e] What ye issue will bee is not known.

[a] Of Clare College, Cambridge; B.A. 1664, M.A. 1668, S.T.P. 1685. Rector of St. Paul's, Covent Garden; and afterwards Dean of Peterborough, in 1691. Died 14th Oct., 1707.

[b] Ferdinando, Conte d'Adda.

[c] Charles Seymour, sixth Duke.

[d] Thomas Cartwright, lately Dean of Ripon. Died 1689.

[e] One Popham. The firmness of the Duke of Ormond, who was one of the trustees, frustrated the design. See Macaulay's account of the affair.

Nothing is done as to Magdalen Colledge since ye sentence. This day three weeks they are again to appear before ye commissioners, and to prove their information against Mr. Farmer's[a] morals by witnesses. My Lord Grey is expected every day. I hope hee will not stay in town, ye small pox being very much in it. I humbly thank y^r^ Lordship for ye honour of y^r^ letters and all ye undeserv'd favours to,

My Lord,

Y^r^ Lordship's very much oblig'd serv^t^,

SAM. FREEMAN.

SIR CHARLES LYTTELTON.

MY LORD, At y^s^ Camp [Hounslow], July 13th, [16]87.

I rec^d^ ye news of my Ladys bringing you a son wth all ye joy I c^d^ have done for my heire, and wish you a long and sollid comfort in it. I had done it ye last post, but that ye K^g^ surprized us in drawing us out unexpectedly to our armes; and, indeed, we can, while we stay heere, promisse little time to ourselves. To morrow, the K^g^ treates ye 2 Queenes heere. The Guards will be all drawn into ye field from London, and we shall make 4 lines of hors and foot, and have abundance of fireing and fireworkes. W^th^in 2 or 3 days, I beleeve, the fort may be finished. It's a curtain of 2 half bastions, ab^t^ ye bignesse of Sherenesse, wth a ravlin before ye curtain; and this is to be attacqued in form by ye whole army, and will take up some days. The D. of Albemarle dined heere yesterday wth ye K^g^, and says his ships are now all sailed to Portsmouth, and he will be soone there to embark. My Ld Faversham is gone to Sr John Raisby's,[b] not to Welbeck, in order to a treaty wth Ld Newcastle for his daughter.

[a] Anthony Farmer, the King's nominee for the presidency of Magdalen College.

[b] Sir John Reresby. See his Memoirs for a long account of his negotiations for the match between the Earl of Feversham and Lady Margaret Cavendish, daughter of Henry, Duke of Newcastle; which ended in nothing but a quarrel between the Duke and the Duchess.

L[d] Dumbarton[a] is gentleman of y[e] bedchamber in L[d] Som[ts] place.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, At Portsmouth, August 30[th] [1687].

I have y[rs] of y[e] 22. The K[g] came hither by yach from Southampton this morning, and was treated by my L[d] Gainsborgh[b] at dinner, as he has bine every where in his progresse; but had no present at Bristol but y[e] provisions for his table w[ch] they of y[e] town sent in. The K[g] one told me heard him tell M[r] Pepys that he w[d] build a fort to command the river some miles from y[e] town, and shewd him where it shd be upon y[e] chart. He has viewd all y[e] fortifications heare, new and old, and bine abord y[e] Royall Charles to see y[e] working of a new engine of S[r] Sam: Morland's, and is now gone abord againe; and to morrow, very early, comes ashore heere, and touches above 300 people y[t] are heere for y[e] evill, and goes after to y[e] B[p] at Farnam[c] to dinner, and to bed to Windsor. I shall start w[th] him towards Sherenes, taking Tunbridg (as it is) in my way; and, w[th] as much dispatch as I can, hasten home. My wife is yet at Tunbridg. My 10 companyes, I feare, are to stay heere all winter. I have lately bine acquainted w[th] Chappell, and, if those who succeed him be as discreet as I phancy he is, you and they will be at ease.

M[r] Blaithwait[d] shewd me a letter to night from before Buda, that y[e] Turkes have put in 600 men into y[e] town and that none of theyr mines have had any effect.

[a] George Douglas, Earl of Dumbarton, Commander of the Forces in Scotland.

[b] Edward Noel, fourth Viscount Camden, created Earl of Gainsborough. Died in 1689.

[c] Peter Mew, Bishop of Winchester.

[d] William Blathwayt, Secretary at War.

Dr. Samuel Freeman.

My Lord, September 8th, [16]87.

I am very sorry y^r^ Ldship should meet with any discouragement in so pious a work as y^r^ church affaire is. I wonder much at M^r^ D[ean] of [Paul's] proceeding in this matter. 'Twas to be wishd y^t^ all ye out-parishes had many more churches in them, answerable to their greatness and number of inhabitants; and y^t^ any incumbent should he displeasd to see the necessities of his people reliev'd in a matter of so high a nature seemed to me to be very unaccountable. M^r^ D[ean] comes but seldom to town and makes very short stayes; yet I saw him about 3 weeks since, but he sayd nothing of it. Yesterday I din'd with my Ld. Bp. of London, at Fulham, and amongst other things told his Ldship y^t^ you had begun y^r^ church in Hatton Garden; and hee replyed y^t^ hee was very glade of it, and wished y^t^ there were more such good works begun. When I see ye Deane of St. P[aul's] next, I think to give him an occasion to discourse of it; and then its likely I may be able to send y^r^ Ldship his objections against it.

I beleeve y^r^ Ldship has an account sent you of ye Kings reception at Oxford. 'Tis at large in this days gazett, but nothing in it of what he sayd to ye fellows of M[agdalen] Coll. I saw an account of it from Dr Aldridge,[a] Sub-deane of Xts. On Sunday, about 3 in ye afternoon, his Matie sent for them and askt y^m^ why they did not obey his mandate and admitt ye Bp. of Oxford[b] president of their coll.; and when ye senior of y^m^ began to give his Matie an account, the King took him up short and sayd hee would heare nothing from them, and thrice at least repeated y^t^ hee was their king and would bee obeyd, and then bid them goe to ye coll. and immediately choose ye B. of Oxford, or els hee'd make y^m^ feel ye weight

[a] Henry Aldrich, Dean of Christ Church in 1689.
[b] Samuel Parker. Died in 1688.

of a prince's hand. They were noe sooner got to their coll. and deliberated a short time, but 19 of 21 resolvd on this answer: That they were extremly sorry y^t^ his Matie requird of them impossibilities, y^t^ they were precluded by their former election, and, ye place being full, they could not putt an other in it. What will bee ye issue is not yet known. The young students began to mutter very much at his Maties wordes to ye fellows of Mag.; but, bateing this roughness to y^m^, his Matie shewd himself very gracious to ye rest of ye university and mightily pleasd with his reception, saying he would ever protect y^m^ and hopt to be as kind to them as any of his predecessors had been; bid them not bee griev'd y^t^ hee had given ease to ye dissenters, saying y^t^ humility and charitie were ye soul of ye Xtian religion, and hee hopt y^t^ their eye would not be evill because hee was good.

Here is lately come out a very seasonable and excellent Letter of Advice to a Dissenter,[a] writt impartially and with a great deale of witt and strength. They are mightily catcht up and are sent farr and neare. I hope y^r^ Ldship will meet with one of y^m^ in ye country. I had sent one, but y^t^ it is too big to come in a letter.

The reformation of ye companies in London sticks for ye present and some think y^t^ they are discouragd to proceed. Whether there will bee a parliament or no they say is very doubtfull. At my Ld. of London's yesterday they talkt of my Ld. Grey's selling of his horses and hounds, and of his intention to goe again for some time beyond sea. The Bp. told mee hee wishd his freinds would perswade him to stay.

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Y^r^ Ldships most obligd humble serv^t^,

SAM. FREEMAN.

[a] "A Letter to a Dissenter upon occasion of his Majesties late gracious Declaration of Indulgence." London, 1687, 4to.

Thomas Tramallier.

My Lord, Jesus College, October 27th, 1687.

On Thursday last in the afternoon came hither the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, viz., the Bishop of Chester, the Lord Chief Justice Wright, and Baron Jenner;[a] and the next day in the morning they went to Magdalen College chapel; but that place not pleasing them, they remov'd to the college hall, where, according to a citation putt up on the college gate two days before, appear'd before them the President, Dr Hough,[b] the Fellows, with the rest of the Society. Their commission was first read, empowring them to visit the universitys, particularly Magdalen College, the same in effect, mutatis mutandis, with the general commission of that court; and then the Bishop of Chester made a speech, or a charge, consisting for the most part of upbraiding reflexions upon the loyalty and behaviour of the college towards his Maty, with some exhortations to submitt to the King's mandate. In the afternoon they mett again; when Dr Hough declar'd to them in his name, and the name of the society, that he own'd their authority so far as it agreed with the laws of the land and ye statutes of the college, and no further; telling them withall that it was a hard thing they should undergoe a visitation at so short a warning. This declaration of submitting no otherwise to their visitation, as also of the hard measure he had, he afterwards confirm'd, among other arguments, by the oath he had taken as President, which is indeed very solemne and express, and other statutes of the college, which they are all sworn to observe; giving them an account of ye whole transaction, but particularly of the methods they had us'd to avoid their falling under

[a] Sir Thomas Jenner, Baron of the Exchequer.

[b] John Hough, afterwards Bishop, successively, of Oxford, 1690, of Lichfield and Coventry, 1699, and of Worcester, 1717. Died in 1743.

the King's displeasure. In the mean while the commission order'd several papers to be read, concerning that affair, both from the ecclesiastical courts and the college; askt questions to and fro, especially about the coming in of some of their presidents by mandates, to which suitable answers were return'd; and call'd for ye books and registers, with other instruments relating to the estate of the college. One thing I must not omitt, because indeed it was very singular: when Dr Hough insisted upon their obligation to observe the statutes of ye coll: and told them it was his resolution, by God's help, to doe it, the Bp. askt him, why then they did not read mass, according to the statutes of the college? To which the D^r^ answering that, besides that mass contain'd several impietys, it was contrary to the laws of the land, the Commissioners desir'd him to shew them to what law; and the Acts of Uniformity being instanc't in, they all profess't they could see no such thing in them. But all this was but skirmishing in respect of what was done on Saturday.

That morning then the Commissioners, according to their adjournment, sate in the college common room, whence all people were turn'd out; but being lett in again, after they had closeted the D^r^ for about an hour, the sentence of the Ecclesiastical Court was read thrice by the Bishop; which was to this effect: That he was declar'd no President, and was forthwith to deliver up the keys. To this he answer'd that he was perhaps the only instance in England, since the Restauration, that was turn'd out of his property without a legal tryal or so much as a citation; and that he could not, nor would not, part with his right.

In the afternoon the fellows were called in, and being ask't one by one, whether they would comply with the King's mandate for the Bp. of Oxon, that being read to them, they all unanimously refus'd it but two, Dr Tho. Smith, and Charnock.[a] It happn'd a little before, as Dr Hough was protesting against the proceedings of

[a] Robert Charnock. Executed, in 1696, for sharing in the Assassination plot.

the Commissioners, and appeal'd to the King and his courts of justice, that the people gave a hem; for which they thought fitte to bind him over to Westminster in 2000li bail. They talkt once of committing him; though he told them that by depriving him they had discharg'd him from looking after the college; and with [that] all the Fellows offer'd to take their oaths that they were no way concern'd in it. My Ld Chief Justice was pleas'd to say that if the civil power could not keep us civil, the military should. It was a rude thing, without doubt; and therefore it was since condemn'd by a programma from the Vice Chancellour.

On Tuesday morning they sate again; but it was in order to admitt the Bishop of Oxford; which being not to be done by the Fellows, they did it in the person of his chaplain; who, as his proxy, took the oaths, and was afterwards putt in possession of the President's lodgings; but not without breaking open the doors, Dr Hough retaining still the keys. It was expected the sheriff of the county would have bin concern'd in it, with the posse comitatus, or that ye three troopes of horse, which have been quarter'd here ever since the raising the army, should have bin employ'd in that execution; but it was done in ye manner that I relate, whatever private instructions they might have. In the afternoon the [course] was chang'd; and the Bp. of Oxon being consider'd as possess't of the Presidentship, a new question was putt to them, viz. whether they would obey him now he was in by the King's authority? To this the Fellows, Demyes, chaplains, and others of the foundation, answer'd, they would submitt to him as far as was consistent with the statutes of the college; only two refus'd it absolutely, the famous Dr Fairfax,[a] and the under porter. The Dr moreover, entering his protestation in due forme of law, was depriv'd instantly of his fellowship, and commanded to depart the college within a fortnight; as the under porter was within three days. In the morning there was putt into the court an answer to that doughty argument that the

[a] Henry Fairfax, afterwards Dean of Norwich.

King's mandate is an inhibition; but they were wheedled off of it by some few sugar words, they then beginning to flinch. I was surpris'd, I must confess, to see it come to this; but I dare not judge them. This is plain, I think, that they have thereby shew'd the King a way to putt into every place; not to say that in it's consequence it affects every man's property in England. They pretend that they have herein follow'd the advice of their most judicious friends; and that there was positive order sent to turn out every man of them that would not submitt. Your Lordship will hear more of it in parliament when it setts. All happiness may attend your noble family.

I am,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble obedient servant,

THOMAS TRAMALLIER.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Jesus College, Nov. 17, [16]87.

I presum'd about three weeks agoe to trouble your Lordship with a long tedious account of the proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners at Magdalen College; and because they are return'd here again, I shall beg leave to continue my relation of what has hapen'd since.

I inform'd your Lordship then, as I apprehended it, and as I think most people did that heard them, that the Fellows had submitted to the Bishop of Oxford, and that they would obey him as their President. But it seems we were mistaken; for on the Thurs-

day following, when the Commissioners would have had them to subscribe a kind of address of submission, to be presented to his Ma^{ty}, they putt in this final answer: "May it please your L^{d}ships, We have endeavour'd in all our actions to express our duty with all humility to his Ma^{ty}; and being conscious to ourselves that, in the whole conduct of this business before your L^{d}ships, we have done nothing but what our oaths and statutes indispensably oblige us to, we cannot make any declaration, whereby to acknowledge that we have done amiss, as having acted according to the principles of loyalty and obedience to his sacred Ma^{ty}, as far as we could without doing violence to our consciences and prejudice to our rights (of which we humbly conceive this of electing our President to be one), from which we are sworn on noe account whatever to depart. We therefore humbly beg your L^{d}ships to represent," &c. Subscribed by all but Dr. Thomas Smith and Charnock. Mr. Fulham, one of the Fellows, had the misfortune then to be suspended from his fellowship by the Commissioners during the King's pleasure, for telling them that they had violently enter'd the President's lodgings without the legal way by the sheriff and the posse comitatûs. But on Tuesday they came hither again in the afternoon, and lodg'd that night at the Bp. of Oxon in Magdalen College, where yesterday morning they sate in the college common room; and the Fellows appear'd before them. The first thing that was done was the reading of a couple of mandates from the King, out of a bundle the Bp. of Chester held in his hands, in favour of one Joyner,[a] who was a Demye there above forty years agoe and sold his place before the troubles broke out, and one Alibone, a student of St. Omers,

[a] William Joyner, or Lyde; a Demy in 1636, and afterwards Fellow. He renounced his fellowship and went over to Rome in 1644. For some years he was in the service of Edward, Earl of Glamorgan; and led a retired life. He was now brought out of his seclusion to be restored to his fellowship, which, however, he held but one year, and then, as Wood says, he "retired to his former recess, where his apparel, which was formerly gay, was then very rustical."

but both Papists; and the admitting of them Fellows thereupon by the Commissioners, without taking any other oath but that of Fellow, the rest being dispens'd with by the mandate. Then Chester, being the mouth of the Commissioners, made his speech; where, after a recapitulation of his former charge and their proceedings, he fell a railing most violently against the Fellows, calling them popular, petulent, obstinate, perverse, seditious, libellous, forgetting all this while that he stands register'd at Queen's College for having born arms against the King at Worcester. But amongst other his strange doctrines I must not pass by one, for it is a piece of new divinity, worthy the ambition of the candidate of the Arch-bishoprick of York; and it is this: he told the Fellows, in the exhortative part of his speech, that they must sacrifice their consciences, as a peace-offering to the Father of their Countrey.

After this, there was an instrument produc't, containing the forme of a submission, to which they were all requir'd to subscribe, except Dr Tho. Smith, of whom the Bp. was pleas'd to say that his Ma^{ty}, in consideration of his carriage in that whole affair, did graciously condescend that it should not be putt to him, and Charnock. But they all refus'd it; for which they were presently after sentenc'd by the court, five and twenty in number, to be depriv'd their fellowships and banisht the college. They were denied a copy of the instrument; but it was to this effect: That they should acknowlege themselves to have acted all along disloyally and disobediently, and beg the King's pardon; and that they own'd the Bp. of Oxon as their lawfull President, and would obey him accordingly. There were afterwards three new Fellows putt in by mandates; and two mandates more were offer'd, but not accepted of by the persons for whom they were design'd. The Fellows putt in their several protestations, and the Commissioners went away in the afternoon; but God only knows where that furious zeal will terminate. The university expects to find in your Lordship a true patriot of your countrey, and does not doubt to see the noble spirit of your ancestors revived in your person, who were the great support of the Church of

England both at the settlement of the Reformation and the late calamities of it, when the same occasions shall return.

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I am,
My L[d],
Your Lordship's most humble obedient ser[vt],
T. Tramallier.

Sir Edmund King.

My Lord, March 24, 1687[8].

It was this morning before I could prevail w[th] M[r] Sadlor[a] to see my Lady Hatton's picture, w[ch] is well painted, very fleshey and well colour'd, and is a very fine peice and extreamly like too. But I found a great fault (as I call'd it) in a part of the face; w[ch] I convinc't him of, and he mended it to his owne great satisfaction and his wive's as well as mine, whilst I stood by; and I mended another in my Lady's hand of as great a concern, w[ch] I am sure yo[r] Lord[p] will be pleas'd w[th] too; but yo[r] dear pritty son with his fine diamond eyes I durst not meddle w[th], because I have not had him in my sight, in the life, which pray God preserve. We hear the Bishop of Oxford dy'd Tuesday last, not a R[oman] C[atholic]. The Duke of Barwich[b] has the small pox, this the 5[th] day. My Lord Peterborough is at Drayton since Monday last.

I intreat my humble service to my Lady Hatton, and am
Yo[r] Lord[ps] most affectionte ser[t],
Ed. King.

[a] Thomas Sadler, miniature and portrait painter; a pupil of Sir Peter Lely. He was brought up to the law.

[b] James Fitz-James, natural son of James II. by Anne Churchill.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, Shene,[a] May 15th [16]88.

It's a greate while since I heard from you; and ye longer I think, because, when I did so last, you complaind of ill health. I was all the last weeke and part of that before at Sherenesse and Rochester, to attend his Mats, who went to give order abt ye navy, making severall new platformes and batteries upon the Medway, and ye putting out some ships to sea and to get others in a readinesse, if there shd be occasion for it, as I hope there will not yet awhile. For, tho' the Duch are (they say) out wth a more considerable fleet then we yet know wht they have to doe wth, I can hardly think they will attempt any thing upon us. It will be (tho') to insult us, if they come to brave it on our coast. I left rideing before Sherenesse our R Ad: Strickland[b] wth 3 more men of warr, 4th and 5th rates, and 3 or 4 fireships; and, it may be, these, or ye men of war at least, are designed to carry Q. Dowager to Portugall, who, they say, goes in August. My son Harry has a mind to goe wth her, and from thence into Spain, and then into Italy, if he can get ye Kgs leave.

[a] Evelyn visited Lyttelton at Shene, and tells us how he came by his house there: "24, Mar. 1688. I went with Sir Charles Littleton to Sheene, an house and estate given to him by Lord Brouncker; one who was ever noted for a hard, covetous, vicious man, but for his worldly craft and skill in gaming few exceeded him. Coming to die, he bequeath'd all his land, house, furniture, &c. to Sir Charles, to whom he had no manner of relation, but an ancient friendship contracted at the famous siege of Colchester, 40 yeares before. It is a pretty place, with fine gardens, and well planted, and given to one worthy of them, Sir Charles being an honest gentleman and soldier . . . He is married to one Mrs Temple, who was formerly maide of honour to the late Queene, a beautiful lady, and he has many fine children, so that none envy his good fortune."

[b] Sir Roger Strickland.

The same.

June 8 [16]88.

The Bps have bine before ye Kg in Councill and are committed to ye Tower, because they would not enter into a recognizance each of 500li to appeare in ye terme, upon pretence it wd injure theyr peeriage. I heare they were prest much in it, and severall instances of ye temporall peeres who had done it, as ye Duke of Buck, Ld Lovelace,[a] and others. As they past through ye courts to ye water side from ye Councill (there being a greate crowd both wthin and wthout doores), the people praid for ym, and ye ABp held out his hand and said: "Be dutyfull to ye Kg; hold fast to yr religion; and God blesse you."

The same.

London, June 11, [16]88.

Yesterday, 5 minutes before 10 in ye morning, ye Queen was delivered of ye Prince of Wales. I come now from seeing him as he was undressing, and he is a delicate fine boy, very well complexioned, and lookes healthy and sprightly. He is to have no wet nurs. Sunday next is appointed for ye thanksgiving in ye churches heere, and ye Sunday following in all the kingdom. I wish my Lady Hatton as much joy as I beleeve the Queene has, for ye same reason. I goe to morrow to Rochester to stay, I know not how long.

[a] John Lovelace, third Baron.

Charles Hatton.

Letcomb, June 18, [16]88.

I must, my Lord, in ye first place return you thanks for y^r^ present of opobalsamum, from wch I have found more benefit then from any physick I ever tooke; wch I experienc'd by accident, for, missing ye regim^t^ at Aylsbury, I writ to our collonel for leave to be absent from my command for a fortnight or 3 weekes longer, and, ye waters being out, I wase advised to come hither by Oxford, wher, designing to have some pectoral pills and a decoction made up according to a perscription of Dr Fowkes,[a] in wch balsum of Tolu wase to be dissolved, wch wase not to be had (any thing tollerably good) at Oxford, instead thereof I made use of opobalsamum, by wch I have found very great benefit.

I met at Oxford wth Mabillon his Musaeum Italicum,[b] and a peice of Dr Bernards newly out of ye press, de Ponderibus et Mensuris,[c] a subject I know not displeasing to y^r^ Lo^ppe^. Therefore I have wth Mabillon sent it to y^r^ Lo^ppe^. Thes 2 bookes, wth Ford's Psalms,[d] cost a little above w^t^ I promis'd for y^r^ 2 dictionarys. I have likewise sent some seeds I procured from Mr Bobart.[e] Some of them are very curious plants, and I shou'd advise ye sowing of part of each parcel of ye choicest seeds now, and ye rest next spring. For those plants wch are annual, being sowed soe late, will not I suppose come to perfection this summer, and will therefore continue all winter and flower earlyer and more beautifully next year. I have settled a corispondence wth Mr Bobart, and he hath, in ye season,

[a] Phineas Fowke.

[b] "Museum Italicum; seu collectio veterum scriptorum ex Bibliothecis Italicis eruta, a Joh. Mabillon et M. Germain." Two vols. Paris, 1687-89, 4to.

[c] "De Mensuris et Ponderibus," by Dr. Edward Bernard, Savilian Professor of Astronomy. The first edition was published in 1685; the second in 1688.

[d] "Version of the Psalms of David, together with all the Church Hymns, into Metre." By Simon Ford, D.D. London, 1688, 8vo.

[e] Jacob Bobart, son of a father of the same name, whom he succeeded as keeper of the Botanical Gardens at Oxford.

promis'd me some curious plants wch I design for y^r Lo^ppe. Dr Morison 2^d volume is in great forwardness, 120 plates are engraven, and about 40 only wanting to perfect ye worke.[a]

At ye presse at ye Theatre I accidentally met wth Dr Mills,[b] whose Greeke Testament is advanc'd as far as ye 16th of ye Acts. I found I had highly recommended myself to him and many in the University by having been instrumental in prevailing with Mr Dodwell[c] to accept ye history lecture, wch he hath done to ye great satisfaction of ye University. Dr Mills kept me a day longer at Oxford then I designed, treated me all ye time, and brought me into ye acquaintance of soe many persons I had much adoe to get from them. Amonst others he caryed me to Dr Aldrige and Dr Hammond[d] at Christchurch, who both give you their service and testify a great honour and regard for y^r Lo^ppe. I went to visit ye 2 black wallnutts trees you soe much admired, but I coud see but one, and y^t a most beautifull tree. Y^e other is cut down, and I doubt y^t I saw will have ye same fate, for it is much slighted and vilified.

The B^p of St Asaph[e] his Chronology did, in ye presse, advance apace; but, as you have heard, ther is an unhappy stop put to it at present. It was printing in Latine and in English, in distinct volumes. If it pleases God he enjoyes his liberty, he will very vigorously pursue ye finishing y^t soe much desired worke.[f]

I am, my L^d,

Y^r Lo^pps very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

[a] The third volume of Robert Morison's "Plantarum Historia Universalis Oxoniensis" did not appear until 1699. The second volume was published in 1680.

[b] John Mill, D.D., of Queen's College, Principal of St. Edmund's Hall.

[c] Henry Dodwell, of Dublin, Camden Professor of History at Oxford.

[d] Henry Aldrich and John Hammond, Canons of Christ Church.

[e] Dr. William Lloyd.

[f] The work was left imperfect. His son made use of it for his "Series Chronologica Olympiadum," &c., Oxon. 1700; and his Chaplain, Benjamin Marshall, composed from it his Chronological Tables, Oxon. 1712-13.

The same.

Letcomb, July 3, [16]88.

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I humbly thank y^r^ Lo^ppe^ for ye accompt of books. If Le Grand hath not got more fame by his animadversions on Burnet Hist. of ye Reformation[a] then by ye Ecclesiasticall History he hath publish'd, he had much better have fixed himself to his study of philosophy.[b] It is more then a fortnight since I sent up to London, by ye Letcomb carier, a parcel directed for y^r^ Lo^pp^; but I feare it hath miscaried, for I cannot hear anything from my house of ye receipt thereof. In it wase some seeds I received from Bobart at Oxford, Mabillon his Museum, and Dr. Bernard de Mensuris et Ponderibus antiquis, who wth great earnestness invited me to his chamber at Oxford, received me wth great civility, wou'd have presented me with what he had publish'd on Josephus,[c] but unfortunately ye keeper of ye Theater, where they are layd up, wase not to be found. It wou'd have been a very acceptable present to me, for it is never like to be published; and, tho' it be imperfect, I am assured, not only from his fame but from competent judges who have perused it, that ther are several very excellent discourses in his animadver-

[a] "Histoire du Divorce de Henry VIII, et de Catherine d'Arragon; avec la Défense de Sandérus, la Refutation des deux premiers Livres de l'Histoire de la Réformation de Burnet, et les Preuves," by Joachim Le Grand. Three vols. Paris, 1688, 12mo.

[b] He here confounds Joachim with Anthony Le Grand.

[c] "Lectiones variantes et Annotationes in quinque priores libros Antiquitatum Judaicarum." Oxford, 1686. Wood adds: "His notes upon those Books were too large and therefore disliked by Dr. John Fell, and the author, being weary of the work, did goe no farther than his Notes on the first five Books, which caused an old Theologist and Pretender to poetry [Clement Barksdale] to sing in his doggrel rhimes—

'Savilian Bernard's a right learned man;
Josephus he will finish when he can.'"

sions, wch he made soe large, that it wou'd have been soe long before ye worke had been finish'd, that Dr Fel, B^p^ of Oxford, chose to break of ye worke rather then have it soe voluminous [as] it wou'd have been, had Dr Bernard gonne on in ye like method. The like fate hath attended what Dr Aldridge had undertaken on ye same author.[a] I hope shortly to send you a specimen of ye B^p^ of St. Asaph his Chronology, in wch he is soe exact and inserts soe many things (wch tho in truth seem digressions, yet are very curious, usefull, and instructive), that it will be long before ye worke be finish'd. I hope shortly to waite on his Lo^ppe^, and shall freely deliver him my sentiments: That it was highly to be wish'd he wou'd first finish his Chronol[og]y, and after, by way of appendix or as addenda, add those discourses; for his Lo^ppe^ doth only finish as he prints. Y^e^ original copy is in short hand, and ye discourses soe brief, shoud he dy before it wase finish'd, it wou'd be impossible for any one to proceed according to his designe. But, if his Lo^pp^ had finish'd his General Chronology, he might, wou'd health and oportunity permit, in an appendix enlarge on several discourses. The actions of Hercules and Theseus take up a whole sheet. Shou'd he as much enlarge on those of other men of renown, what a voluminous worke must be expected, and who cou'd hope to live to see it finish'd? I hope shortly to send you a specimen. In ye interim I have sent you ye last cast of Dr Mills his Gr[eek] Test[ament], that you may see how far it will exceed all others hitherto printed, and wth what liberty he criticizes; w^ch^, tho it may offend ye bigots, will not I suppose ye Pere Simon. Dr. Bernard, in his preface in his De Ponderibus, wch I sent you, hints a design to publish a Chronology,[b] which he shew'd me, and I heartily wish he wou'd speedily commit it to ye press; for he, having been more

[a] Aldrich's edition of the first and part of the second book of the Bellum Judaicum was published with Bernard's annotations on the Antiquities in 1687.

[b] This appears to be the "Chronicon omnis Ævi," left in MS., as noticed by Wood.

conversant in orientall and astronomicall authors, hath inserted many very remarkeable things, of wch ye B^p^ of St. Asaph coud have no cognisance. But ye D^r^ designs to publish first a calendarium of all ye oriental and western nations, wch will be a very curious and usefull worke for elucidation, not only of his own, but of all other chronologyes. He hath allsoe in a sheet (wch he designes to be forthw^th^ engraven) compared ye alphabets of all nations,[a] and hath composed a learned discourse of ye original of letters, and shewes how every nation hath borrowed from ye first letters invented, wth several very curious and learned discourses thereon. I am,

My L^d^,

Yr truly affec^t^ Brother and very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

Campe, July 4, [16]88.

I know, my L^d^, it will not be unwelcome news to you to heare y^t^ my L^d^ B^ppe^ of London designes you a visit; and I suppose it may be satisfactory to you to know ye day when, wch is ye occasion of my giving you this trouble.

Next Monday ye B^ppe^ sets forwards for Ashby and designes to be at Kirby, wth Sr Hugh Chomley,[b] y^t^ day sennight, and from thence to goe to my Ld Gainesboroughs.

I will give y^r^ Lo^ppe^ an account of some plants wch I know will be very acceptable to you, of wch my L^d^ hath severall. Oakes from Virginia, wth chessnut leaves. Wallnutts from thenc bearing

[a] "Orbis eruditi Literatura, a charactere Samaritico deducta:" a copperplate engraving.

[b] Sir Hugh Cholmeley, of Whitby, Bart.

flowers. The larix or larch-tree. Breyennius his Leonurus, a most beautifull plant. The Quina-quina, or Jesuits barke. A bastard kind therof from Virginia. I cou'd name severall other plants, but wthout a stove you cannot keepe them, and, if you desire very curious plants, you must have a stove, and I wish you wou'd have a discourse [with] my L^{d} B^{pp} as to ye making, ordering, and advantage of one.

This yeare my Ld Mordant's tulip tree flowered. My L^{d} B^{ppe} justly complained of ye stupidness of his gardener, who never gave notice to eny curious personns y^{t} it was in flower. It wase a flower lik a tulippe, but hung down like a Martagon. It is said to be a most beautifull flower.

I have sent you some more seeds of ye large Nasturtium Indicum wth a scarlet flower, said to be vivace, because, if sown now, it will continue all winter, and you may propigate it by slipps. This hath soe disparag'd ye other, ye neglect of it will in a few yeares make it grow scarce. I am

Y^{r} Lo^{pps}, my sister's, nephew and neice

most humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The same.

London, July 21, [16]88.

I came hither, my Lord, late last Thursday night, by my collonells order, to lay out very unnecessarily 40 or 50^{ll} to buy gaudy cloths, in wch I shall not appeare above 2 or thrice this campe, wch I am assured at ye Office of Warre will not last above a fortnight longer at furthest.

Our collonel [a] is gone by order to the cabinet councell, where it is thought ye speedy proclamation for a parl^t^ in Novemb^r^ will be debated, and it is thought will ye next weeke be issued out.

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Y^r^ Lo^pps^ most truly affec^t^ Brother,

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

July 28, [16]88.

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Last Tuesday ye King and Queen went for Windsor; the Prince of Wales to Richmond yesterday. Ther is a small campe ther form'd of 6 companies of ye Foot Guard, and 2 troops of dragoons.

Last Wednesday his Ma^ty^ came to ye campe, and, after we had march'd and his Ma^ty^ wase seeing ye line fire, one Cob,[b] ye Parson of Wollaston in Northamptonshire, about 60 yeares of age, being a horse back but very drunke, did very disorderly press to have spoke [to the] King, wch his Ma^ty^ perceiving, he asked what he wou'd have. He replyed he wase a minister of ye Ch. of Engl^d^; and, hastily endeavouring to light of his horse, he fell and put out his ankle. Ye King sent presently for a chirurgeon, and caus'd it to be set in his presence, and ordered ye parson to be caryed to ye hospital; but he chose to goe to Twitnam. Doth y^r^ Lo^ppe^ know this parson? And of what reputation is he?

This day ye King and Queen were at ye campe. Y^e^ army wase drawn out into a hollow square and fired 3 times.

[a] Theophilus Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon.

[b] Edward Cobbe, Vicar of Wollaston.

Our collonel is much offended y^t y^r Lo^ppe hath not appeared at ye head of y^r grenadiers.

It is confidently reported ye B^p of Chester is soudainly to be Arch^bp of Yorke,[a] ye Deane of Chester[b] B^p of Chester, and one Hall,[c] a London minister, who read ye Declaration, B^p of Oxford.

This day sennight ye Duke of Ormond, finding himself very faint, went out in his coach to take ye aire; but, his faintness continuing, he said y^t day 4 yeares his Duches dyed, and he shou'd dy y^t day, wch he did. Y^e University of Oxford, by ye care of Dr. Hough, who wase with ye Duke when he dyed, had notice ye next day, and on Monday morning, very early, met to choose a chancelor. The Ld Clarendon, Ld Halifax, and Duke of Ormond, were all nominated; but ye Duke of Ormond[d] by plurality of votes wase elected, about 8 of ye clocke in ye morning. About eleven an inhibition came from his Ma^ty, that they shou'd not soudainly meet to choose a chancelor, and, when they did, to recommend ye Ld Chancelor to be their chancelor; but ye election wase over. What will be ye issue is uncertaine.

I am y^r Lo^pps and my sisters very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The same.

London, Augt 9th, [16]88.

Yesterday ye right wing, my Lord, discamp'd, and this day wee in ye left; but tho my collonel obliged me to goe some part of ye way wth our regiment (whose winter quarters are at Plimouth), yet

[a] Thomas Lamplugh, Bishop of Exeter, who, it will be remembered, hurried up to Court with the news of the Prince of Orange's advance on his city, was then translated to York.

[b] John Arderne, who died in 1691.

[c] Timothy Hall, who read the Declaration in St. Matthew's, Friday Street. He was consecrated Bishop of Oxford on the 7th October.

[d] James Butler, grandson of the old Duke.

he wase soe favourable as to give me leave to be absent for some months. 10 companyes are to be quartered at Plymouth and one at Pendennis; whither it will be y^r Lo^pps I cannot tell, for our collonell wase offended to be asked wch it shou'd be.

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As for Mabillon, truly I turned down noe leaves but sent it just as I bought it. I thinke him ye most ingenious monke I have met wth. He is exspected shortly in England, where among our learned men he will meet wth a favourable reception.

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I am, my L^d,
Y^r truly affec^t Brother and most humble servant,
C. Hatton.

The same.

Augt 24, 1688.

I must and doe, my L^d, returne you my most humble thanks for ye buck I received yesterday, wch wase very well killed and carefully brought up and came very seasonably, for wee are all posting out of town, his Ma^ty having given command to all officers to returne to their post; wch is supposed to be a peice of Mr Braithwait's[a] pollicy, to get fees for license to be absent, for ye rumour of ye Dutch invasion is generally ridiccul'd.

I am very sorry y^r Lo^pps spleene gives you soe just a reason to move for leave to be from y^r command. I have to all virtuosoes of plants shewn y^r leaves you was pleased to send me of y^r broad leaf'd elme, and they are very much surprised. Sr Robert Clayton will bee a petitioner to y^r Lo^ppe for some grafts.

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Y^r Lo^pps most truly affec^t Brother and humble servant,
C. Hatton.

[a] *i.e.*, Secretary Blathwayt.

The same.

Sept^{br} 6, 1688.

I am told, my L^{d}, y^{t} frequent councills of warre are now held at Windsor, and y^{t} ye leave for any governour to be now absent from his command is moved ther to his Ma^{ty}, and usually ye motion seconded by those who are freinds to ye person who desires leave. My Ld Dartmouth hath lately been frequently at Windsor, and it is reported he will command ye fleet to be put out, as admirall. Some say Sr Robt Homes stands in competition wth him.

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I am, y^{r} Lo^{pps} very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, At Rochester, Thursday, two a clock, Sep^{br} 20th, 1688.

I have y^{rs} of ye 15th, and am glad ye tobacco is so well approved and of so much use to y^{r} L^{p}.

The King came hither yesterday, and so down the river of Medway to see ye new fortifications and to Shernesse; was pleased to comand me to follow him to Chatham this morning, having not ye time to give our orders concerning the placing and remove of some officers in my reg^{mt} upon ye death of Capt. Plowden;[a] but he was in ye same hurry to-day, and s^{d} he w^{d} send me word. So I have had a very ill journy to no purposse, but to heare all the news, that is, ye Duch have most certainly put on board theyr fleet all materialls for landing, as wheelbarros, shovells, &c., sadles and

[a] Edmund Plowden.

bridles; and the King does really expect to heare they are landed upon some part of his dominions the next faire wind. He resolves to draw all his land forces together ab^{t} London.

To morrow my Ld Feversham tells me will be a declaration out, w^{ch}, 'tis hoped, will give greate sattisfaction as to gov^{mt} and religion. Coll: Hen. Sidney, who asked leave, when he went, to goe to ye Spaw, was forbid to see ye P. of Orange, and promised he w^{d} not, is now wth him.

The French have besieged Phillipsburgh, and Mr Schombergh is wth 16000 men in Cologne.

The K^{g} lookes and is very well; so is ye P. of Wales.

William Longueville.

My L^{d}, 29 Sept^{r}, 1688.

I wish, in so dolefull a case as our countrey now seemes to bee in, that I knew any thing worth writing or of a reviving sort; but so it is (my L^{d}), the forrein invaders will probably bee landed this next weeke, if not at ye first of it. His Ma^{ty} had 6 Bps. to him yesterday morning, and one of them sayd: omnia benè, as I am told.[a] Too day hath produced a declaracion why ye parliament writts are recalled, and a pardon also as I heare. Ld Lovelace is in England, and was at Wickham election of a mayor a day or two since. Whither Ld Shrewsbury bee wth ye Prince of O. or heere is in uncertain report. And so for other lords. 'Tis s^{d} the K^{g} will not delay

[a] Clarendon notices this in his *Diary*. The King received the Bishops graciously, but spoke only in general terms. "As the Bishops came from the King, several people in the rooms, as they passed, asked them how things went? The Bishop of Winton (poor man!) answered 'Omnia bene.'"

when he heares where the landing is. I wish your Lop. much health, and a quiet world to us all in God's good time. My service humbly presented to my Lady and to Mrs Hatton, I subscribe, wth some hast,

My L^d^, Your Lops. most obedient

Wm. L.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, Sheernesse, October 2^d^, [16]88.

I hope you are not in Holland, tho' I hant had ye honor to heare from you a greate while, and that there is so much news from thence. The wind is faire to day to bring y^m^ for England, if they be so resolved, wch it has not bine before a good while. We have abundance of materialls sent hither, and there are at least 40 carpenters to ab^t^ a hundred laborers at work to put this place in a better defence. All ye platformes allready repaired. Here is come into ye harbor, w^th^in 2 days, 7 fireships, where they are to stay for further orders. I had a letter yesterday from a capt^n^ in ye Downes, that ye fleet was coming to ye Nore; so I hope we are safe here, but I think this countrey or place is suspected to be attempted, because there is lately two regim^ts^ more come to Rochester. I thank God, I have kept free of ye ague yet, but I have a terrible cold; and every day our people fall down of agues. I have 200 commanded men in constant guarrison of Coll: Hales[a] regim^t^, and an order to send for ye rest of ye reg^mt^ upon ye sight of a forraine fleet. They lye at Canterbury and Sittingburn, but there are 100 of y^m^ commanded away lately, to releeve so many of my regi^mt^ who were at Landguard Fort; my

[a] Sir Edward Hales.

reg^mt being commanded to London from Yarmouth. In easterly winds I am ever troubled wth ye hand I write wth a cramp, wch puts me to so much paine I can scarce hold my pen at present.

Charles Hatton.

London, October 6, [16]88.

Being, my L^d, by his Maties late proclamation convinced that ye Prince of Orange design'd an invasion, I hastened hither in order to goe to my command and now only stay to attend on my collonell, who, upon ye first change of wind, designes for Plymouth, from whenc wee exspect our regiment will soudainly be commanded to joyn ye rest of ye army. I wase yesterday at Kinginston, wher I found my L^d and Lady Nottingham very well, but wase much sorry to heare ther that y^r old distemper still torments y^r Lo^ppe.

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Last Thursday ye Ld Chanchelor went into ye city to cary an instrument under ye great seale, wherby ye city wase restored to their antient charters and priviledges, and Sr Will. Pritchard, in whose maiorallity ye charter wase seized, constituted Maior; but he made some objections to ye instrument and refused to act. This day my Lord Chancelor hath caryed a new instrument, wherby Sr John Chapman is constituted Maior and ye charter restored, wch is accepted, and Sr John sworne Maior; at wch ther is much rejoycing in ye city, and ye greater at ye assured news y^t last night at Councill ye Ecclesiasticall Commission wase superseeded and annull[ed]. I am y^r Lo^pps, my sisters, nephews, and neices most faithfull and very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

William Longueville.

My L^d^, October [9th], 1688.

At such a season as this I hold myself bound to give your Lop. 2 letters for one. Last post I sent your Lop. account where 1000^l^ might bee had, and that if you came up I thought the better. The wind keeping westward, the Dutch fleete is not arrived, as farr as I can heare. Yesterday our King had the B^ps^ with him againe, and told them of this invasion again and how little concerned his people seemed. He declared Magdalen Colledge should bee restored by the B^p^ of Winton, the visitor; that a fast should bee held; and that praiers for ye occasion should bee penned and presently used. Mr Godwin Wharton is layd in ye Tower, but for what indeed I have not yet heard.[a] Some report goes as if 16 comissions were taken with one ——; I forgett the man's name. I heare there was a disturbance in Lime street last Sonday, and ye mayor was feigne to quiet the same. The friery by the arch in Lincolns-Inn Fields also hath been ill treated. L^d^ lieutenants of ye Romish profession begin to be removed, for that none care to act under them. I wish your Lop. good health and quiet into your family, being,

My L^d^,

Your Lops. most obedient servant,

Wm. L.

[a] "Goodwin Wharton, esq., the son to the lord Wharton, is accused for viewing the fortifications at Dartmouth and sent to the Tower."—Luttrell's *Diary*, 7 Oct. 1688.

Charles Hatton.

October 16, [16]88.

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Here hath been a report that ye Dutch have by ye late storms received great prejudice in their fleet; but y^t^ report is now quash'd, and they are daily exspected wth a very great force. I trust ye nation in generall will behave themselves wth loyalty to their prince and regard to their country y^t^ ye Dutch in 1688 will succeed noe better then ye Spaniards did in 1588. As to my own particular, I shall endeavour to act according to those principles of loyalty in wch I have been educated, and to wch I am obliged both by my religion and allegiance, and submit myself to w^tever state Providence designes. But, whilst I have breath, I shall ever deport myself to y^r^ Lo^ppe^, my sister Hatton, and yours, wth all true affection befitting

Y^r^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The same:

Plymouth, Oct^br^ 30, [16]88.

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We are here, as in all other parts of Engl^d^, in daily exspectation to heare y^t^ ye Dutch are landed, ye wind being now S.E. As soon as they are, we exspect to bee commanded from hence.

Some few dayes since a French pickaroon in a small barke wth only 2 gunns lay off here at sea, out of command, sent ashore severall times. At last in ye night time manned out 2 boates wth 15 men each and clapp'd aboard on each side a Duch vessell of 300 tunn,

30 men, 20 gunns; and kill'd all or most of ye men who endeavour'd to make opposition, and cary'd ye vessell clear away out of ye harbour here. She wase bound homewards from Brasill, her lading valewd at 25000^li^. She had cleered here 2 dayes before, and therefore ye gunners of St Nicolas Island excuse their not attempting to stopp her as she pass'd by y^t^ island.

I am y^r^ Lo^pps^, my sisters, and y^r^ familyes
most faithfull and very humble servant,
C. HATTON.

THOMAS TRAMALLIER TO JOHN STRETEHAY.[a]

SIR, Jesus College, Nov^ber^ 1st, [16]88.

It is now about a twelvemonth that I writ to my Lord an account of the visitation at Magdalen College, and the ejection of that Society. I suppose his Lordship will not be displeased to hear of their restauration; and therefore, if you thinck it fitt, I shall desire you to read this to him.

On Saturday last was sennight the Bishop of Winchester, as being Visitor of the College, in pursuance of an order from the King forthwith to resettle the Society of Magdalen College, came hither. He was attended into the town by above three hundred persons on horseback, most of them scholars, and six or seven coaches full of noblemen and doctors. The solemnity was to be performed [the day] following; but, to our great amazement, his Lop. was gone on Sunday morning. It seems there came a messenger from Court to summon him to the Council, to be present at the business of the Prince of Wales, as it appeared afterwards. But on the Wednens-

[a] Lord Hatton's secretary.

day in that week he came again; and the day following, after morning prayer in the chapel and a speech made to him by one of the doctors of the house, producing the King's letters, he compleated the resettlement. Things were put in statu quo, only Mr Charnock was left out; and thus by the providence of God, and upon a revolution of affairs, that honest and stout society, which was designed to be the præludium of further attempts, was restaur'd within the compass of about a year to its full rights and property, having first seen that illegal anti-Church of England court, by which they had sufferr'd, fully dissolv'd.

The Bishop went for London, being to attend his Majesty to the field. Mr. Walker,[a] it is sayd, is going to resigne up his headship of University; his disciple, we hope, will follow his steps herein likewise at Christ Church.[b] If my Lord goes to the Island this winter, as Mr Bonamy tells me, and takes Oxford in his way, I hope I shall have the happiness to see you here. God preserve his Lordship and family in these times of great uncertainty and danger. I am, with great truth,

Sir, your most humble faithfull servant,

THOMAS TRAMALLIER.

SIR CHARLES LYTTELTON.

MY LORD, Shereness, November 6th, [16]88.

The Duch passed by wth theyr fleet through ye Dover roade westward on Friday even, and, 'tis supposed, went to Portsmouth; of wch youle heare as soone as we. My Ld Dart[mouth], as soone as he c^d^ get up his anchors, w^ch^, I beleeve, was not till Sunday, plyd after y^m^. Yesterday was so dead a calm, he c^d^ make no way; so is

[a] Obadiah Walker. He was deprived in 1689.

[b] John Massey, the Dean.

to day, and so thick a fog w^th^all he cant stirr. One of their fly-boates wth 200 of ye K^gs^ subjects and all theyr officers fell into one of ye K^gs^ frigots way, having lost her rudder in ye storm, and are all prisoners. All the forces in this country are marchd away except that part of Hales regimt. wch are heere, being 200, and 100 more at Landguard Fort; and those are marchd to Rochester. My Lord, I cant tell how to advise myself, if I sh^d^ presse to be sent for away to march after my regim^t^. Loath I am to be out of the ocasion where the King, my friends, and my all are at stake; but this place is a post of greate concern and in my trust; and, if any thing sh^d^ fall out contrary to expectation, may be imputed to me. I have really no vanity, but w^d^ doe w^ht^ I think may he most usefull; and, tho' I doe not think, now they are past by us, this is like to be ye scene of ye war, yet w^ht^ secret practisses may be I can't foresee. Good my Lord, give mee free advise in this matter, and tell me how you resolve in y^r^ own station.

William Longueville.

My Lord, 13 Nov^r^, 1688.

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The Prince of Orange, being at Exeter, hath made much marching hence for Salisbury plaine, whither our King is hastning, and by Monday will bee setting hence they say. The mobile[a] has been very turbulent hereabouts, and, after sundry appearances against ye popish chappels of Budg-Row and Lime Streete, they have been last Sunday furiously bent for ye destroying that in ye late house of Earle Berkely, and [with] much adoe were beat off, when they

[a] The shortened word "mob" did not make its way very readily. Burnet uses it in his History, i. 378, and provokes a sneer from Swift: "A word of dignity for an historian!"

had shewed their discontent; but yesternight, as part of ye goods were removing from thence, the said mobile tooke ye cart and goods and burnt all in Holborne or some other place. Some were hurt and, as 'tis sayd, killed on that commocion. Lieutenant-Gen^ll^ Worden[a] is to bee here wth some 5 or 6000 men, to keepe all quiett if he cann. I have been busyed in my chamber all day, so have no more news.

I am, My L^d^,
Your Lops. most obedient servant,
WILLIAM LONGUEVILLE.

SIR CHARLES LYTTELTON.

MY LORD, Shereness, No^br^ 15, [16]88.

I had a letter this post from Ld Middleton. He tells me his Matie is pleased to make me eldest Brigadeer of Foot, tho' he thinkes it for his service I sh^d^ continue here. I have y^r^ L^ps^ of ye 10th, and am heartily sorry you continue to have y^r^ health so ill, wch I doubt not (too) is ye more trouble at this time you can't be so able to serve the King. Poore Harry[b] is marcht wth the army. My regim^t^

[a] Robert Werden.

[b] Poor Harry went off to the Prince of Orange. Nash in his *History of Worcestershire*, i. 501, prints the following interesting letter from Lyttelton to his wife :—

"I had yours last night. I told the king I could not see his majestie without some confusion that so much of my blood had forfeited his duty in my son's defection, which he was pleased very graciously to return : 'he could not wonder that my son had done so since his own children were so disobedient.' But I should have told you that I said withall as he went without my leave, so he should never have my blessing till he had returned to his duty : and the king was pleased to say, he was satisfied : I was not, he knew, in fault, and told Sir John Talbot to that purpose afterwards. I was with the king last night at his couchee, and he told us my lord Churchill waited four hours after he came to the prince of Orange's quarters before he was admitted to see him, and then had no quarters assigned him, so was faine to go five or six miles off to get any. Indeed they say there is very little regard to those that are gone, and the prince pays nobody a penny but those he brought with him, and those have been

stays to keep guard at St James's, and there will be a considerable force left in ye town of ye new raisd men; and I am told ye K^g^ will be at ye head of 30000 good troopes, wch I pray God give him good success w^th^, and send us a happy meeting. I have some buisness will necessarily require my getting leave, if it may be, to come to London, but for a few days; and, if I thought y^r^ L^p^ w^d^ be there, I w^d^ contrive not to ask it before.

The Earl of Nottingham.[a]

Nov. 15, [16]88.

I have rec^d^ y^rs^ by the bearer of this, and should have oftener writt to you had it bin convenient to send letters by ye post, or that I had any thing to impart to you y^t^ was necessary for you to know, in wch case I would have sent a messenger on purpose, as I shall doe hereafter, in case you do not think fitt to come to town, wch I should

raised by his commission, so that I believe our spark will grow quickly weary of his adventure. Till the trumpet comes back we can tell nothing what to think of the treaty the lords were gone upon: the trumpet went to demand their passe. Here is come an addresse last night from the fleet, brought by lord Berkley and captain Leighton, signed by lord Dartmouth and every captain, to thank the king for calling a parliament, as the only expedient to preserve his majesty, the peace of the kingdom, and the protestant religion, which they resolve to defend I think with their blood. Sir Roger Strickland's hand is to it. The poor king is mightily broken. A great heart can't so easily bend. I don't know yet if I shall be commanded to stay here or goe back. I hope tomorrow though to come and dine with you. I have not time to say more, and the room is full of officers; so, dear, good morrow.

"Charles Lyttelton."

[a] Nottingham's letters at this crisis will be read with interest; and particularly those portions of them which refer to his own action. He is very cautious in the means he takes to prevent identification in case his letters should fall into wrong hands. Besides to some extent disguising his hand and omitting his signature, he uses a common seal and false addresses. The present letter is directed to "Mr. Francis Greene, at Uppingham."

be glad you would resolve to doe; for, tho we doe not yet hear of any disturbances in ye North, yet I can't imagine y^t^ ye P. of O. would not think it very usefull, if not necessary, to his designes to give such a diversion; and, since he did not goe thither himselfe, as was thought he at first intended, tis probable he will not leave those gentlemen destitute of a support to y^m^selves or uselesse to him; and, if there be any creditt to be given to them y^t^ saild wth his fleet and affirme it consisted of near 800 sail, wch agrees also wth ye Dutch prints, tis certain there did not goe above 500 to ye west, and consequently ye rest must be gone northw^d^; and then you will be in ye road. Besides, there daily happen severall things in wch y^r^ friends would be glad of y^r^ company to consider and advise wth you; and tho I must acknowledge I cant think London a very safe place, because ye prentices doe daily comitt disorders in great numbers, and doe threten even ye great chappell, for wch reason tis said ye King deferrd his journey till after Q. Eliz[abeth's] birthday, yet you have a friends house so near London, where I am sure you will be welcome, y^t^ you may have all ye opportunities of doing any businesse there, and yet be out of ye very noise as well as dangers of any such tumult; and if ye King should not goe from London, yet y^r^ want of health is not onely a good occasion for you to come hither, but does also answer many other objections ag^t^ y^r^ coming to town.

This day news is brought to ye King that 3 entire regiments are gone over to ye P^r^ of Orange. Sr Francis Compton and his regiment of horse, wch was ye Earl of Oxford's, Langston's[a] regiment of horse wch was ye Earl of Plimouths, and my Ld Cornbury wth his regiment of dragoons. Onely one Clifford,[b] a papist officer in my Ld Cornburys, stays behind; but ye men are all gone wth my Lord; and Major Littleton[c] and one officer more in Sr Fra. Comptons regiment refusd to goe, but are carried away wth y^m^ as prisoners. Thus far is

[a] Colonel Thomas Langston.
[b] Major Robert Clifford.
[c] Major Walter Lyttelton.

certain; but tis said also y^t 2 companies of Sr John Laneres regiment are gone also, and tis expected y^t ye foot, when they are advanced far enough to have an opportunity, will follow this example; some, entire regiments, but many, companyes. This news has putt ye King into great disorder, insomuch y^t he did not dine publickly as he usd to doe, and tis uncertain whether he will hold his resolution of going to ye army at Salisbury on Monday; for there are arguments on both sides. If he does not goe, there will want his presence, wch is thought ye best means of restraining ye army from deserting; and yet, if he should goe, his person may be in great danger by mutinies or worse; and tis said also y^t ye Prince of Or. is upon his march wth his whole army towards London, wch is greatly encreasd by a multitude of comon people, tho I do not hear y^t many gentlemen of y^t country are gone in to him.

Y^e news-book tells you of ye taking of my Ld Lovelace,[a] but 50 of his company escapd and are gone to ye Pr. of Or.; and I hear there are about 25 of ye English and Scotch nobility wth him, among wch tis thought my Ld Devonshire[b] is one, and tis said this day y^t my Ld Abingdon[c] is gone to him too, and I am apt to believe y^t both these Lords are wth him.

The B^p of Exeter is come to London, and went this morning to ye King, who has made him Arbhb^p of York, and removd Trelawny from Bristol to Exeter. I fancy Trelawny will not accept it at this time, and, tho ye other did that of York after some importunity, yet I guesse he will repent and refuse it.

You may have heard perhaps of a design of ye Lords about ye town to present a petition to ye King. There was indeed a short petition framd and agreed upon by ye Ld Halifax, E. of Nott., L^d

[a] John, Lord Lovelace; made prisoner at Cirencester in an attempt to force his way to join the Prince of Orange.

[b] William Cavendish, Earl of Devonshire, was engaged in aiding the northern insurrection at Derby.

[c] James Bertie, Earl of Abingdon, the first peer who joined the Prince of Orange's camp.

Weym[outh],[a] Bps of St Asaph and Peterb.[b], and, after that, shewd to severall Lords, most whereof did approve it. But my Ld Clarendon made some objections, not very materiall, much less deserving ye weight he laid upon ym. Ye design of ye petition (after a short preamble relating to ye present conjunction, wthout naming ye Pr. of Or., and a recitall of ye Kings declarations in wch he said he would call a parlt) was to pray ye King to call a parlt forthwth, free in all respects, both of coming, sitting, and debate, it being better and easier to prevent a disease then to cure it; and this was intended to have bin signd onely by such Lds and Bps as had not made ymselves obnoxious by any late miscarriages. This excluded, among others, ye E. of Rochester, and was apprehended by ye E. of Clarendon and some of ye Bps as a pique of Ld Halifax to Ld Rochr; and tho I believe there is unkindnesse enough between these 2 Lords, yet ye reason of ye present distinction at this time is sufficient to justify ye Ld Halifax; for twould have given just cause of suspicion to ye Pr. of Or. yt it had bin a trick of ye Court, when he saw it to be effect of such men's applications, agt whose actions at least, if not their persons, he had publisht his owne declaration. The countrey also, who were hopd and expected to follow this example, would rather have suspected then imitated such authors; for tis hard to perswade ye people they would petition for redresse of their owne acts, and much lesse for ye punishment of them. Much more might be added, but the summe of all is that tis quasht; for, tho ye Bps and E. of Clarendon and Rochr are framing another petition, yet I believe the Lords Halifax, Kent, Pembroke, Nottingham, Weymouth, Newport, Faulconbridge, Carlisle, Pagett, &c. will not signe it, and perhaps some of ym will not now signe even ye first, no, not altho' ye Lds agt whom exceptions were taken were excluded from signing; for, tho such a petition might have bin of great use to ye publick at first, yet now it has taken air and is blown upon, and perhaps in ye

[a] Thomas Thynne, Viscount Weymouth.
[b] William Lloyd and Thomas White.

present circumstances is wisht for even by ye Court, and tho every man would serve ye King in just and honest things and wayes, yet, since ye news of this revolt of ye army, tis rather a shame then a credit to ye Lords to addresse now, as if they had not dar'd to doe any thing for ye publick as long as ye case was more doubtfull. But to joyn wth ye other Lords might be construed an obstruction to y^t^ reformation wch is necessary to establish ye peace of ye kingdome; and whether these L^ds^ and B^ps^ will proceed w^thout^ ye rest is uncertain. I should rather think they will not.[a] But of this you shall have an acc^t^ by ye post, for I doe not foresee any thing y^t^ will be a sufficient cause to detain the bearer hereof, nor does any thing more occur to me at present.

I am

Y^r^ most humble servant.

The same.[b]

My Lord, Nov. 20, [16]88.

The peticion of ye Lords was deliverd w^thout^ ye concurrence of the others for reasons y^t^ I writt in my last. Tis in print and [I] shall therefore say no more of it, only y^t^ ye King in answer told y^m^ y^t^ ye B^ps^ had better pray and preach for him, and ye temperal Lords appear wth swords in their hands then petition.

Tis said ye Admiral Herbert has met wth 15 French ships of warr; destroyed nine. Three escaped, and 3 more come into Pli-

[a] Macaulay has taken his account of this petition from Clarendon's Diary, from which it appears that nineteen signatures were procured. The present letter is valuable as giving Halifax's view of the matter, for Nottingham evidently only repeats Halifax's reasoning.

[b] Addressed to "Mis Alice Hatton, at Kerby."

mouth shatterd. This has bin talke of this week, and I should not write it now, but y^t^ there is a letter come from Sr John Jacob, ye customer of Plimouth, y^t^ affirms it; wch makes it probable at least, tho I confesse I scarcely believe it.

Sr Wm Portman,[a] Lutterell, Palmer,[b] Mallett, Seymour ye Speaker,[c] and others are gone to ye Prince most certainly, and tis said y^t^ his army is advanced as far as Wells; but this last is not so certain, tho most agree y^t^ his army is come as far as Sherbourne.

The King returnes on Friday. During his absence he appointed ye Councill to meet often, and directed 5 to be of the quorum, viz. Ld Chanc^lr^, L^d^ Pr. Seal, Ld Preston, Ld Bellasis, Ld Godolphin, and nothing to be resolvd on w^thout^ ye concurrence of 3 of y^m^, nor then neither w^thout^ ye approbation of ye Queen.

Bernard Howard[d] caind one of his officers, who drew his sword and run him thro' ye lungs, and he died in ½ an hour.

Tis variously reported y^t^ Sr Fra. Compton is, and is not, come back to Salisbury. His nephew, Hatton, is gone wth ye troops to ye Prince, and I believe there may be come back between 2 and 300 men, officers, and soldiers.

But y^t^ is s^d^ is of ye most importance to y^r^ Lo^p^ is, that my Ld Delamere came to Manchester and declard for ye P^r^ of Or. wth 100 horse, and y^t^ he was going to Nottingham to meet ye L^ds^ Devonshire, Manchester, Scarsdale, Lumley, Latimer, &c. Perhaps you may have heard this already; but, if not, I think you may depend upon it as true, at least y^t^ there will be an insurrection in ye North, if it be not begun already, wch will make it necessary for y^r^ Lop. to remove to ye place I mentioned in my last.

[a] Of Bryanstone, M.P. for Taunton.

[b] Francis Luttrell and Nathaniel Palmer, the Members for Minehead.

[c] He sat for Totnes.

[d] Grandson of Henry, 9th Earl of Norfolk.

Sir Edmund King.

My Lord, [20 November, 1688.]

Tis true our lot is cast in a dismall time at present; a great storme seemes to be gathering, thunder and lightening threaten'd; God knows who may be struck; every on has cause to feare, especially when we consider wee have (more or less) all too much provokt the patience of God, who has constantly vouchsaf't dayly mercies to us, and we have not made the gratefull returns as we ought to have done. It's now high time we becom seriouslie considerate, and all of us begg of Him to spare us once more, and y^{t} we may outlive the storm, and see a calme againe before we goe off the stage of this world. But, if God has otherways determin'd, let us retire into our closetts and begg submission to His will and a free pardon for all our neglects of duty and comission of sin, y^{t} we may be willing to suffer for His sake y^{t} lay'd downe His life for us, and y^{t} we may doe it chearfully, if it should be sooner than we at present expect. According to the custome and course of natur, we cannot stay long here; therefore pray God fitt us for Himselfe, and make our passage easie (if it be His will), and at last receive us into His everlasting arms of happiness, wher we shall be out of gun-shott and all manour fears to all eternitie. If ever ther was a time in our days to thinke seriously of things, it's not yet we have encouragm't from God's word: "Fear not him y^{t} can kill the body and can doe noe more, but feare Him that can destroy both soul and body," etc. Perhaps we needed to be put in fear, y^{t} we may kno we are but men. God's mercie is never so much minded by us as in great danger. Tho our danger is great, w^{t} cannot omnipotence doe? Let us not dispair, but waite His time for our deliverance the way His infinite wisdome has appointed. God knows what will become of us.

Ld Delawar is at the head of a great partie of horse, and many lords are com in to him; they say they meet at Notingham to daye.

Great disturbance is sayd to be in Wales too. I hope these frightful stories will not hinder you from taking things good against the spleen, as you call it. Ld Abbington went wth Ld Cornbury, Sr Willm Portman, Mr Lutterell, Strangwedg,[a] Mallet, and many more a[re] named. The P. of O. has listed they say 6000, and cares for noe more. Moste say Ld Devonshire, Ld Lumley, Lord Chomly, Earl Exeter, Ld Latamore, L^{p} Exeter.

The King has a brave army, and this day at Salisbury plaine intends to call all the officers together. Bernard Hoard is said to be killed by an officer he beat at Chichester.

Pray excuse him y^{t} loves his King and country and prays for yor Ld^{ps} body and soul. Pray, my L^{d}, let us be chearfull and trust God, to whom I desire to resighn my will and intreat you doe so too. Let not the two first parts of this make you mellancholie, nor the last afraide. I tell you only reports. I never write new[s] to any body.

Charles Hatton.

Plymouth Cittadel, November 20, 1688.

Since ye Prince of Orange his coming to Exeter, all intercourse by letters betwixt ye officers of this garrison and their friends and relations living beyond y^{t} place is stop'd, all their letters, my L^{d}, being intercepted, constantly opened, and rarely sent hither; and y^{t} wch makes it ye more vexatious is, yt since y^{r} last, wch wase long since writ and told mee y^{t} you wase still tormented wth y^{t} long and painefull distemper, I have heard noe news of y^{r} Lo^{ppe} or family, for all whom I have a due concern.

Wee have soe various and uncertaine reports from Exeter, I shall

[a] Colonel Thomas Strangways, M.P. for Dorsetshire.

not venture to send you any other news but y^{t}, to our unspeakable joy and happiness, our governor, ye Earle of Bath,[a] is here; wch having told you, I need not say y^{t} I thinke myself more happy to be under his command here then under that of any other person on earth, for I am sure y^{r} Lo^{ppe} (as all worthy men who know him) hath a true honour for him, and his Lo^{ppe} often mentions you wth great kindness. Shou'd ye Dutch thinke fitt to attacque us here, we thinke ourselves very secure under his conduct; and are well assured y^{t}, by his care and interest in thes parts, wee shall have (whenever there is occasion) soe powerfull assistance as to enable us to make a vigorous defence.

Wee have had some deserters, and I am told it hath been reported y^{t} I wase one; but I assure myself y^{r} Lo^{ppe} will never give credit to such a report; for, knowing how firmly I have imbibed ye principles of ye Church of England, you will be secure I can never depart from my allegiance to my Prince; and I hope you will likewise as firmely beleeve y^{t}, whilst I have breath, I shall ever retaine ye affectionate reguard to y^{r} Lo^{ppe}, my sister Hatton, nephew, neices, and sister Alice, befitting soe nere a relation and y^{r} Lo^{ppe} and their very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

William Longueville.

My L^{d}, 22 Nov^{r}, 1688.

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My Ld Grey was mentioned much wthin 2 or 3 daies past to bee among ye uprisers. It is a most miserable condicion of affaires that wee now see and must awaite and feele; and who shall stand, who

[a] John Granville, first Earl of Bath.

fall, who be preserved in part, and who bee utterly ruined time only can discover. Great estates are in the most immediate danger one would think. The King, as 'tis writ from Salisbury, was taken a Tuesday with 3 bleedings at nose, so by advice let blood and slept all night after it. Sarsfield, finding a party of 40 of the enemy commanded by one Cambell, fell on and killed 30 and tooke 6 prisoners.[a] They say Speaker Seymour, Sir Wm Portman, and Col. Lutterell are gone into the Prince of Orange. Ld Delamer is up in Cheshire; will meet more in Nottingham, as 'tis said. I am with great respect,

My L^d^,

Your Lops. most obedient servant,

WM. L.

THE SAME.

MY L^d^, 24 Nov^r^, 1688.

This day wee have certain news that his Ma^ty^ and his army are upon the return hither; that York has been, by Ld Fairfax and Ld Dumblane &c, seized for ye Pr. of O.; that many of the nobles and gentlemen goe daily to him. Mr Seymour is left govern^r^ of Exeter. S^r^ Jn. Vowell[b] is newly gone to ye Pr. of O., and more then I care to name. The L^ds^ about Nottingham also are said to bee desirous of a free parliam^t^. So your Lop. may judge what is to be by you done, as to your coming up or staying where you are. Many heere do not like ye army's returne, but feare as much as any in the country. Would your Lop. had a good doe to spare and be-

[a] The skirmish at Wincanton. It will be remembered that the result was the other way.

[a] *i. e.* Fowell.

stowed it on mee for a little particular purpose; not that I can enjoy at this time of doome. My most humble service to my Lady and Mrs Hatton. I take my leave as

Your Lops obedient servant,

Wm L.

The Earl of Nottingham.

My Lord, Sunday, Nov. 25, [16]88.

I hope yr Lop. will pardon me the misinformations I sent you in my letter on Tuesday last; for in such a conjuncture as this, when every man is greedy of newes and talks himselfe as his interest or inclination leads him, tis not to be wonderd at yt there be many false reports, and tis hard to distinguish ye true; and therefore I will venture again to write you wt I hear.

Tis said yt Plimouth is surrendred to ye Prince, and yt Bristol has declard for him, and yt my Ld of Derby joins wth ye other Lords in ye North.

But I think I have better assurance of what follows: That our fleet is much shatterd by the late stormes. Sr Jo. Berry [a] is come to ye Spithead wth 3 or 4 ships wch will want considerable repairs, and says he knows not wht is become of ye rest; but I hear and believe yt 7 of ym are gone to ye Dutch.

The King has bin very ill at Salisbury, and bled much at ye nose, and has bin twice lett bloud, and could have no rest but by ye help of opiates. Very few of ye gentlemen of ye country came to him, for indeed most of ym are gone to ye Pr of Or., who is upon his march wth his whole army; and ye King has orderd his army to come back, and they are now upon their march, and he himselfe is

[a] The admiral; distinguished himself at La Hogue.

expected on Tuesday; so y^{t} it looks as if London was to be ye stage, especially since it cannot be imagined but y^{t} ye army wch is forming by ye Lords in ye North will come to London too. But, however, I can't think Kirby a safe place for y^{r} Lo^{ps} family; for, tho' tis said y^{t} they were to be at Northampton as last night, yet no doubt some of y^{m}, particularly those of Lincolnshire and ye others in Yorkshire who are not yet gott together, will come by Stanford; and tho' no injury could be apprehended from a disciplind army, yet in so great a number of men so suddenly drawn together there will be stragglers, and y^{r} Lo^{ps} house is too near ye road (especially if they goe crosse ye country to Northampton) not to be visited. So y^{t} I have this to say yet for Kensington, y^{t} tis safer then Kirby from ye violence of disorderly soldiers; and besides, by a speedy removal from Kirby, you will avoid ye importunities of some whom you would be unwilling to deny, and yet cannot grant what they will ask; and in such difficulties tis best to prevent ye necessity of answering. I must confesse to y^{r} Lo^{p} y^{t} difficulties must be expected here too, and I have reason to expect my share in y^{m}; but I hope in God to have an honest issue out of y^{m}, and I shall be ye lesse concernd whatever it is.

My Ld Danby has certainly possest himselfe of York for ye Pr. of Orange.

Just now I hear y^{t} my Lord Churchill and Duke of Grafton are gone to ye Pr. of Or. wth 6000 horse and foot, and many of ye rest of ye English and Scotch are going too, particularly Kirk and Trelawny.[a]

The King is in a very ill condition of health by his bleeding, insomuch y^{t} he has writt to ye Queen she must expect no more letters from him, because he can't hold down his head.

Pray lett me hear y^{t} you have rec^{d} this, and w^{ht} your resolutions are about staying at Kirby or leaving it.

[a] Colonel Charles Trelawney, a brother of the Bishop, who, like Kirke, commanded one of the Tangier regiments.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Tuesday, Nov. 27, [1688].

He y^t^ will write news cant want matter, for he will have enought to contradict one post w^t^ he writt by ye former.

Bristol has not declard for ye Pr. of Or., but are ready for him; for there are not ten men there y^t^ will oppose him.

The gentlemen of Herefordshire and Gloucestershire are in armes, and Sr Edward Harley at ye head of y^m^; and ye Duke of Norfolk is so in Norfolk.

Kirk is not gone to ye Pr. of Or., but is arrested at ye head of his regiment in his march wth ye army back; but he certainly intended it, for he stayd 12 hours at Warminster before he marchd, after he receivd orders to doe so.

My Ld Churchill and Grafton carried very few men wth y^m^, and not 6000 as I writt in my last; tho y^t^ was ye newes y^t^ my Ld Middleton sent at first to ye Queen.

Prince George and ye Duke of Ormond and Ld Drumlanerick[a] are gone to ye Pr. of Or.; and yesterday morning ye Princesse of Denmark went away wth my Lady Churchill and Mrs Berkley,[b] but none know whither.

The King came in ye afternoon, and this afternoon summoned all ye L^ds^ Spirit. and Temporall about ye town to Whitehall to consult about calling a parl^t^; and he has declard that he resolves to call a parl^t^, and thought he should not alter it, but would consider of it, and of ye things necessary in order to it wch had bin mentioned by ye lords, viz: security for ye lords and gent[lemen] now wth ye Prince to come to it, and doing severall acts of grace to ye people.

[a] James Douglas, Earl of Drumlanrig, eldest son of William, Duke of Queensberry.

[b] Probably Mrs. Barbara Berkeley, who had been governess to the Princess's children.

And I believe there will some of ye lords be sent to ye Prince, to treat about it; and I am told y^t^ some of ye Court lords did declare that ye King could not rely upon his army, tho ye King seemd yet to have confidence in its fidelity.

Tis said ye Pr. of Orange was on Sunday at Salisbury, and last night at Andover, where ye Ld Feversham was to be wth ye army; and tis concluded y^t^ there has bin action, or else y^t^ many of y^m^ are gone to ye Prince; but just now I hear y^t^ the Prince was last night only at Sherborne.

The Countess of Nottingham.

Tuesday, ye 27th Nov. [1688].

I hope, being y^r^ Losp is so unwilling to remove, you will not be obliged to it, and must confess I am something of y^r^ opinion y^t^ where you are is a[s] safe from anny y^t^ will hurt you as you can be; for, tho there should be rising northward, wch there is reason enough to expect, you wont probablely have anny of the Irish neer you, who I find have given every where more terrour then anny forrieng forces. The King returned last night to London. He has been much troubled wth a bleeding of ye nose, for wch he has been twice let blood since he went. My Ld Churchill and the Duke of Grafton and Coll. Berkeley went on Saturday to the Prince of Orange, and on Sunday the Prince of Denmarke and the Duke of Ormond. Yesterday morning the Princess went away, were is not yet knowne, wth her only my Lady Churchill and Mrs Berkely. Yesterday my Ld Feversham and my Ld Dumbarton seised on Coll: Kirk, it being suspected he would goe over to the Prince. I hear to day of a great tumult at Uxbridge, were the soldiers have been a great while very insolent, and yesterday set the twone on fier in three places, wch moved the inhabitants to rise to defend themselves

and to quench the fier; whereupon the soldiers fell to blundering,[a] and the inhabitance have killed, they say, 30 soldiers. Y^r^ Losp. saying nothing how all y^r^ family does makes me hope they are all well.

I am y^r^ most obedient daughter and humble servant,

A. NOTTINGHAM.

ROGER JONES.

MY HONOURD LORD, Nov. 28, [16]88.

My Lord[b] intended to have taken his last leave of your Lordship by a letter; but, in regard he must have communicated something of his designs, which could not be don with safety, he thought it more advisable to deny himself that satisfaction. For this reason he has left his commands with me to give your Lordship this trouble, to assure your Lordship of his unalterable resolution to retain a just and inviolable sence of your Lordship's continued kindness to him. My Lord recommends Mr Yelverton whoely to your Lordships care and direction, and begs your Lordsp. to influence him (as much as may be) in all his actions; but particularly he desires your Lordsp. to have an eye upon him dureing this unhappy warr, least his forwardness may engage him in something that may not be consistent with discretion nor his safety. I found my Lord extreamly tender and fond of him this last time, and is resolv'd (if it pleases God to

[a] Although before the age of "boets and bainters," Lady Nottingham occasionally confounds the *b* and *p*.

[b] Lord Grey of Ruthyn.

bless him with life) to make an honourable provision for him; so that he needs not run the hazard of any desperate attempts to make his fortune.

My Lord marcht from hence with two and twenty horses of his own well mounted, besides equipage, wch was his coach and carravan. My Lord Manchester had twenty horsemen well mounted, besides equipage; and Sr Robert Barton, Mr Biggs and Mr Efton in his Lordships company. At my Lord Northampton's Mr Mountague of Horton[a] with his two brothers, Christopher and Charles, and other gentlemen mett them. From thence they marcht directly to Northampton, where Captain Atkins and Captain Chapman joynd them with the militia of Buckinghamshire. Sr Justinian Isham joynd them yesterday about nine, by wch time they were three hundred strong and upwards, and expected three hundred more in the afternoon. But at diner they receivd an allarum from Banbury, that on Munday night fifteen hundred of the Kings army from Salsbury were expected to quarter there that night, so that they were forct to march immediately away towards Leicester, and so forwards untill thay joyn my Lord Delameer. In Warwickshire my Lord Northampton is assured of above a thousand horsmen, as they give out privatly.

It is confidently reported Father Peters and Father Warner gave his Majesty the sacrament, and obligd him by vertue thereof to promise neither to call a parliam^t^ nor to accommodate. His Majesty was forct to take opium severall nights together to give him rest; wch at last so indisposed him that he was obligd to be twice blouded.

Captain Berty summond the militia of Oxfordshire by a pretended order; and accordingly they met on Saturday last with the severall gentlemen in order to joyn this county. Mr Attkins and Chapman pretended to an order from my Lord Chancellor to call the Bucks militia, wch took effect. Mr Palmer of Ecckon is to be

[a] Edward Montague, of Horton, the father of George, second Earl of Halifax.

interrd to night. That your Lordship and good Lady and all your Lordships hon^ble family may be blessed with all ye blessings of Heaven and earth is the constant prayer of,

My honord Lord,

Your Lordship's most obliged and humble servant,

ROG. JONES.

THE EARL OF NOTTINGHAM.

MY LORD, [1st December, 1688.]

Pardon me for not writing ye 2 last posts, and for writing so little as I have time to doe now.

The King has appointed ye Lords Halifax, Nottingham, and Godolphin to goe to ye Pr[ince] of O[range], to acquaint him wth his Ma^tys calling of a parl^t, and to adjust ye freedom of it. They are to sett out tomorrow morning.

My Ld Clarendon is gone from hence this morning to ye Prince of Orange, and t'is said w^thout any order from ye King; so that he designes to remaine wth him. He had a great mind to have bin one of ye commissioners, a place wch I doe not hear any of ye 3 Lords desird, but purely obeyd ye King; for, in all probability, this will have no effect, ye affaires of ye Prince being such as will admitt little delay, especially since ye King of France's troops have already advanced to Boisleduc and burnt 12 villages thereabouts.

My Ld Huntingdon is made prisoner at Plimouth by ye E. of Bath, who has declared for ye Prince of Or[ange], and all ye officers of ye Ld Hunt[ingdon]'s regiment except Capt. Hatton.

Mr Griffin[a] is made Baron Griffin of Dingley.

[a] Edward Griffin, created Baron Griffin of Braybroke Castle, co. Northampton.

William Longueville.

My L^{d}, 1st of December, 1688.

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Wee are here quiett and have no terrible news at all, save that such (who are few I doubt) think sadly for his Maties sake, and, if they know not how to doe good, take care to doe no hurt. Ld Delamere is at Worcester by last night's letters. Sr Nicholas Butler[a] is out, or put out, of all. For all that, I was told that Earle of Salsbury was yesterday made of ye bedchamber. 3 or 4 papists were yesterday dismist by ye King out of ye London lieutenancy. Marq^{s} Hallyfax, Earl of Nottingham and Ld Godolphin are going to treate wth ye Prince of Orange. I wish (and that's all a poore man can doe) that it succeed, which most feare it scarce will, this endeavour. Ld Arran is made col^{ll} of ye regim^{t} late ye D. of Berwick's, and Sr Fra. Compton but lieut^{t} col^{ll} still. The parl^{t} proclamation is abroad too day, and for a pardon. The Earle of Sandwich is dead in France. No more now, my L^{d}, but wth all possible respect I take leave as,

My L^{d},

Your Lops. most obedient servant,

Wm. L.

John Horton.

My Lord, Nosely, 2^{d} Dec. 1688.

If you have not already an acc^{t}, this will acquainte y^{r} Lpp. that the Princesse Anne came privately with ye Bpp. of London, my Lady Churchill, and two woemen more, on Wednesday night, to

[a] A Commissioner of the Customs and a Privy Councillor.

my Lord Northampton's; and from thence, in his Lpp.'s coach, to Leicester on Fryday, where she lodged that night, and yesterday went towards Nottingham (in order for Yorke). She did not discover herself till they came to Harbrough, from whence S^r^ Ch. Shugbrough[a] and about 50 horse attended her to Leicester, where my Ld Cullen[b] and diverse Leicestershire gentlemen came to wait upon her and are gone along with her to Nottingham The mayor and aldermen treated both her Highnesse and his Lpp. ye Bpp. with two noble banquetts, and all demonstracions of respect and joy was shewd, with which her Highness was very well pleased, and seemed wonderfull pleasant and cheerful. The Bpp. also thanked ye gentlemen for their respect, and tould them he was forcd to lay aside ye Bible at present, but hoped very suddenly to take it into his hands againe. My Lord, this is w^t^ our country affords, and if you have had it from better hands I hope you will be pleased to pardon ye bouldness of,

My Lord,

Your Honours most duetyfull serv^t^,

JOHN HORTON.

It it said all ye lords and gentlemen at Nottingham will attend her Highnes to Yorke and continue for some tyme there.

WILLIAM LONGUEVILLE.

MY L^d^, Thursday, 6 Dec^r^, [1688].

I am truly troubled for Mrs Hatton and hope shee may soone find amendment. The doe came safe, and is a favour for which my wife and I doe joine in thanking your Lop.

'Tis doubted the 3 Lords gone a treating will scarce succeed to

[a] Sir Charles Shuckborough, Bart.

[b] Charles Cockayne, third Viscount Cullen.

compose our difficult matters. The King was in Hyde Park too day wth some of his army. Most say heere will bee fighting; but it is by some thought all will goe wth the invaders side without blowes. 'Tis a very hard and pittiable condition that men of quality are now in; and another tryal is like to bee added to their many former nice ones.

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I am, wth all respect,
My L^d^, your Lops most obedient serv^t^,
WILLIAM LONGUEVILLE.

JOHN HORTON.

MY LORD, Leicester, 10th Dec. [16]88.

Hearing y^r^ Princesse came to this place last night (in her journey to Oxford), I came to se how affaires stood. Here is a greate appearance of nobillity and gentry (few being left at Nottingham): 15 lords, Devonsh: Northton: Chesterfeild, Manchester, Grey, Carteret, Cullen, Beaumount, Sherard &c. There are about 14 or 15 troupes of horse. The Bpp. is captain, Ld Cullen lieutenant, Sr Justinean Isham cornet, to ye Northamptonshire troupe consisting all of gentlemen. Sr Scroupe How,[a] Mr Cooke[b] of Derbyshire, and diverse other gentlemen comand troupes alsoe. On Satturday came a letter from diverse of ye principall gentlemen of this county to ye severall high constables, desiring ye summons to ye militia, horse and foote, to meet here at Leicester with a months pay, wch in an instant was done, and I doe not heare that one failed. To day I finde there is an order or warrant signed by Sr Justinean, Mr Montagu, and Mr Andrews, Deputy Lieu^ts^, for raising ye Northampton-

[a] Sir Scrope Howe, Viscount Howe in 1701.
[b] ? John Coke, M.P. for Derby.

shire militia, both horse and foot, to morrow to attend ye Princesse and meete at Daventry on Wednesday, but will march to Coventry or Warwick with her. She goes from hence to morrow by way of Coventry.

I know not w^t^ your Lpp. will please to doe about sending in horses; therefore I desire not to give any order at Maydwell, but humbly desire, if your Lpp. send from Kirby, that notice may be given to Mr Dawson, to whom I have sent to provide a man and horse to goe in upon your Lpp.'s order. I intend to be at Harbrough to morrow, where, if I receive your Lpp.'s comands, they shall be observed by, my L^d^,

Your Honour's most duetyfull serv^t^,

J[OHN] H[ORTON].

The Countess of Nottingham.

The 11 of December, [1688].

I heared yesterday, by a servant of my Lord Godolphins yt came this way, y^t^ the Lords will be back to day, were they will [find] a clear coast, for yesterday ye Qeueen and Mr Whales[a] went and tooke watter at Durham Yard, and from thence to Foxhall, were the coaches were ready for them, for Dover; and wth them, tis sayd, my Lord Chancellour, my Lord Peterbourough and my Lord Salisberry and my Lord Sunderland are gone, but whether wth the Qeueen or no I cant tell; and tis sayed ye Chief Justice Herbert[b] is gone too. To day the King is gone, as I am told, but I have but an imperfect account of it from some of my owne servants y^t^ were in twone. It has been much talked of, and I think not without a cause, of the Qeueen Dowagers goeing to Eastwell, my Lord Winchelsease; but she has now put y^t^ of for some time.

[a] Poor prince!

[b] Sir Edward Herbert.

There has been a skirmish at Reading, were the Irish were very insolent and threaten us. There manner is to fier the twone, and thereupon the inhabitants being frightnend run out and meet wth some of the Princes forces (they say that regiment that was my Lord Scarsdale, since y^{t} the Duke of St Albaneses), and begged of them to rescu them, as those they looked upon as there delivereres; and so they fell upon the Irish men and killed ten of them and tooke 30 prisoners, for at first they made some resistance, but then betook themselves to their best weapons, there heels, and, because nothing should hinder these last, threw of their bootes and armes and whatever was cumbersum to them. My Ld Feversham was comeing and meet them in this disorder; so he presently ordered Twyford bridge to be broken downe, y^{t} they might not be persued. There was in Reading at y^{t} times my Lord Dunmore regiment, who are Scosh, and some of Sr John Leniers regiment; but they never a man drew a sword, but went of civelly to make roome for the Princeses forces.

They talke much of my Ld Inchaquen [a] being up in Ireland, and my Lord Tryconnel breeding who wold speak to an Englishman wth his hat on. The Duke of Gordon [b] is turn protestant (*sic*) and is up in Scotland wth the Duke of Qeueenbourough. They say y^{t} one Tuesday last my L^{dy} Marie Fenwick declared herself a papist. I begg the favor of y^{r} Lops. to present my humble dutty to my Lady and service to my cosen Finch and his lady. I will be sure to let my Lord know, when he comes, what y^{r} Lordsh. sayes of Mr Pullyn.

I am y^{r} Losp. most obedient Dau:

ANNE NOTTINGHAM

[a] William O'Brien, second Earl of Inchiquin.

[b] George Gordon, fourth Marquess of Huntly and first Duke of Gordon.

The Earl of Nottingham.

My Lord, Kensington, Dec. 13, 1688.

My wife writt you word by ye last post y^t^ ye King was gone away; and he is now seizd at Feversham by the rabble, who will offer him no violence but will not suffer him to goe away w^th^out ye consent of ye citty of London. In this conjuncture ye Lords meet every day, and this day they have sent ye L^ds^ Aylesbury, Middleton, and Yarmouth, to attend ye King; and ye Ld Feversham is gone by their order wth 120 horse and 40 grenadiers to preserve ye King from any violence of ye people, but not to restrain him in ye least from any liberty or resolution y^t^ he pleases to take; and they have writt to ye Pr. of Or. an account hereof. Tis thought ye Queen and Pr. of W. will be taken too, for some vessels are in pursuit of y^m^; and Father Petre is in Kent street, and order is sent to apprehend him.

My L^d^, I will not pretend to advize y^r^ Lop.; but I think it would be very fitt for you to be in town at this time, when every day produces such extraordinary things; and, tho you cant remove y^r^ family on a sudden, yet you might immediately come y^r^selfe, and I should be glad you would come hither y^t^ we might consider of ye present circumstances and how to behave ourselves; and London is not yet a safe place, ye rabble committing every night great disorders; and there is another reason for y^r^ coming, and y^t^ is, ye P^r^ of O^r^ may be here tomorrow, but there is no doubt but he will be here on Saturday.

I came back on Tuesday night; but I have no time to give you a narrative of y^t^ negotiation, most of wch is in print already. My most humble service to my Lady and Mrs Hatton.

I am,

Y^r^ Lo^ps^ most obedient humble serv^t^,

Nottingham.

William Longueville.

My Lord, Thursday, 13th of Decr, 1688.

On Tuesday evenning his Matty did leave Whitehall; and, being in Feversham creek retaken, they say heere that hee's come back to Whitehall too night. Sr Ed. Hales and Mr Sheldon [a] were in his company. The Earl of Salsbury and Mr Ch. Hales were taken at Ashford, Mr Obad. Walker and others at Sittingborne, Baron Jennor [b] and others at Feversham.

The multitude have done strangely to the Spanish embassadour in burning his books, coach, and spoyling his goods and house and what was there, as in a franchise, layd in. And so have divers lesser things been spoyled and done. Last night all the towne were, by false rumours of ye Irish soldiers, kept in feare and upp all night. The Duke of Grafton is come to towne to day. I wish, my Ld, heere may come good out of all this hurly-burly. Had I time, your Lop. should heare oftener; but last post I had none, and not much now, being all ye afternoone taken off by Temple businesse, which on this present juncture takes up much of one's time.

I am, wth true respect,
My Ld,
Your Lop.'s most humble servant,
Wm. L.

Sir Edmund King.

Thursday night, Dec. 13, [16]88.

Every day brings new alarms or woonders, nay, allmost every hower. I intended to send wt papers are out, but I finde 2 or 3 of them in the gazett, wch cam not out till 7 this night. The mobile have been extreamly insolent and ungovernable, and yet are not suppresst. This day, about 1 a clock, we had news that the King was stopt by fisher boats, and that he is now at Feversham in Kent.

[a] Ralph Sheldon, one of the Equerries.

[b] Sir Thomas Jenner, junior Baron of the Exchequer.

I went to Whitehall and met my Lord Prestons lady,[a] who said it was true, and soe said Lady Peterboro[b] and Lady Clevland and many more; and this night the Duke of Grafton is com to towne. I went to grete him, but he was wth the Lords in counsell to night; and I finde this news has shpakt their measurs for the presant, but I beleeve they must proseed now. The Prince of O. is not com yet. Ld Peterb. is taken too, and his l[ady] beleive[s] it. Sr Edw. Hayles is saide to be wth the K[ing], and the Bis[hop] of Chester (but I doubt y^{t}). We hear 24 preists taken in one vessell, and all wish it true. I was in Cheapside w^{n} the Chancellor[c] was brought to my Ld Mayor. Ther never was such joy; not a man sorrie y^{t} we could see. They longd to have him out of the coach, had he not had a good guard. Dr. Oates, I am told, is drest in all his D^{rs} robes againe, and expects liberty quickly.

We had a terrible alarm last night; at 12 a clock in the night cri'd, "Arm! arm! arm!" 7000 Irish was com from the army, disbanded but in a body, and killing all they met. We was all up in arms till 5 in the morning. It arize from some disorder amongst them in Brainford, and was allayd by telling the Princes van guard of horse pursu'd them and cutt them to peeces. It's a strange thing we have not the truth out yet. We doe not thinke we are safe till the Prince com's; all the Protestants long for him. Ho! you are happie in yor quiet place. God keep it soe. Pray pray for us, as my poore wife desires me to tell you wth her humble service to y^{r} L^{p} and to my L[ady] H[atton], and mine too.

Just now I am tolde (just now) that the King is dead 2 howers after he was taken, if I may use y^{t} word. I have alsoe word brought me that there is 4 troops of the P. of O. horse come to towne: Coll. Slingsby's regiment.

[a] Anne, daughter of Charles Howard, first Earl of Carlisle, and wife of Richard Graham, Viscount Preston.

[b] Penelope, daughter of Barnabas, Earl of Thomond, and wife of Henry Mordaunt, second Earl of Peterborough.

[c] Jeffreys.

Since I writt this, the news letter came.

I doe not kno which is best: to have the news that belongs to the Bill of Mortalitie true or falce, nor, upon the wholl, I doe not beleive the first, but that he is taken by Admiral Herbert.

WILLIAM LONGUEVILLE.

MY LORD, Satterday, 15th of Decr, 1688.

Now it appeares heere how needfull the Prince of Orange his coming to this populous place is; till which, indeed, heere is nothing but distraction and danger. The King is at Feversham, as 'tis said, and pretty well, at the mayor's house. Desirous hee was of being at liberty to bee gone, but most believe the people there will not, unlesse by the Prce of O. his direccion, leave him to himselfe and to bee gone. His Maty writt up to Mr Froude to send him a few servants and some linnen and money. Foure lords went unto him, vizt the Earle of Ailesbury, Earles of Yarmouth and Feversham, and Ld Middleton. Most of this day his Maty was reported to bee dead; but I heare it was an untruth; altho 'tis by his best friends thought hee cannot but bee heart broken and not long in this life. God looke on him for good; however, his happinesse for this world seemes closed.

Majr Wildman and Dr Burnett are in seeming power. Some 50 ladies are now at Windsor wth the Pr. of O. Too day a declaracion is abroad for recalling the disbanded army to their officers or colours, subscribed by the Prce of Orange and dated at his Court at Henly.

I am alwaies,

My Ld,

Your Lops most faithfull humble servant,

WM. L.

The Earl of Nottingham.

My Lord, Dec. 18, [16]88.

I writt to y^r Lo^p last night by ye post, and when I came home I found y^r serv^t here wth a letter, but was unwilling to send him back w^thout adding something to my last nights letter; and I was in hopes y^r Lo^p might have bin here if y^r paines had abated, wch I am extremely sorry are very grievous and frequent.

The King came this night to Whitehall, and had sent before my Ld Feversham to Windsor, to invite ye P^r of Or. to London; and St James's House is to be his court. But ye Prince has made my Ld Feversham prisoner for coming into his quarters w^thout a passe, wch seems at present but a pretence, for he is extreamly angry wth him for dismissing ye army as he did, whereby the countrey has bin exposed to their rapines and outrages, and ye soldiers disperst, w^ch, had they bin kept in a body, would have bin more ready for forreigne service; and perhaps it is thought t'was done on purpose.

Besides, the Prince had sent Monsr Zuylesteyn[a] to ye King upon ye newes of his being in ye hands of ye rabble (who declard y^t they would not lett him goe w^thout an order from ye Prince), that his Ma^ty should be at full liberty to doe as he pleased wth himselfe. But, upon ye acc^t he had of ye Kings designe of returning to London, he remanded Zuylesteyn to ye King, to tell him he thought it more expedient for him to stay at Rochester; and I hear y^t ye discourse at Windsor is, y^t ye King's going away is a cession of his right to ye crowne. I shall make no comments, but doe extreamly wish for y^r Lop^s company here, if y^r health would permitt it.

In ye mean time I shall follow your directions about y^r affair of Guernsey, as well as I can and as I have opportunity; but I hope there can be no need of any sollicitation on y^r behalfe, y^r pattent

[a] William Henry de Nassau, Lord of Zuleistein, created Earl of Rochford in 1695.

being for life, or, if there should be any such need, I am apt to think I shall not be a very proper advocate. But y^r Lo^p may be sure y^t I shall alwaies take ye same care of y^r concernes as of my owne.

I am

Y^r Lo^ps most obedient humble servant,

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Charles Hatton.

April 9, 1669. 1689

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This day ye bill for ye coronation oath pass'd, not with opposition in ye House. The Commons have voted ye calling a Convocation. Yesterday they brought in a Comprehension Bill of their owne, if possible, more favourable to ye fanaticks then y^rs, and more destructive to ye Ch[urch] of E[ngland]. After it wase read, severall moved for a day to be appointed for a 2d reading. Some mentioned that day sennight, some y^t day fortnight. Sr Edward Chisnal said it wase a bill soe destructive to ye Ch. of E. he desired it ly on ye table till Doomsday, wch occasion[ed] some heats wch quickly pass'd over; and then Sr Henry Capell, wth a large preamble, attesting his zeale for ye Ch. of E. as ye promoters of y^t bill usually doe, declared it wase of y^t consequence he must second those who moved for ye longest day. Then replyed Mr Speaker: "You move for Doomsday ?" wch gave noe small diversion to all ye House but Sr Henry.

And for y^r diversion, if you have not heard it, I shall tell you a pleasanter story. The Countess of Dorchester lately went to visit a certain lady, who received her very cooly; upon wch ye Countess told

her she wase much surpris'd: "For," said shee, "if I have broke one commandement, you have another; and what I did wase more naturall."[a]

Here is a reporte 5000 Swedes are landed at North Yarmouth and 10000 more exspected, to remove greivances and defend our liberty and property. All here are y^r Lo^pps, my sister's, nephew, and neices humble servants, but more particularly y^r truly affectionate brother to serve you,

C. Hatton.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

London, Ap^ll 9th, [16]89.

Because I heare nothing of y^r L^p, I conclude you are yet at Kirby and dare not venture y^r ill health in ye crowd on Thursday.

I am yet in suspense how my regim^t will be disposed, for we are treated so hardly, both in words and deedes, ab^t it, that, tho' we are not broke, I cant think they care to keep us. They will not allow us, w^ht they doe to others, to make our recruites; and tell us w^thall the King is so dissattisfied wth ye officers ab^t ye deserting of ye soldiers, that, as a mark of his displeasure, this hardship is put upon us. I have plainly told my Ld Churchill, who is now Ld Marlborough, we think we deserve better usage, as being the regim^t who's officers have stuck best together in ye service of any in ye army, there being none but Lt Coll. and one capt. who have quitted it; but I doe so despize the opinion I heare is had of me, that I did

[a] This retort of the witty Catherine Sidley has more point in it when we remember that Mary had shocked observers, and Evelyn among the number, by her levity of conduct on taking possession of her father's palace. Her lightheartedness, whether real or feigned, was no doubt at this moment the talk of the town.

privately contrive the meeting and deserting at Brandford, &c. as ye playing such a 2^ble^ game, when I had taken this Kings com^n^, that I am quite wearie of serving any longer and am very willing to resign to those they can be better assured of, and endeavour, as soone as I can, to come to an issue in. Sr George Huet kissd ye K^gs^ hand to day to be a baron;[a] so is Ad: Herbert.[b] Mon^sr^ Bentin is Earl of Portland. My Ld Faulkland[c] is out, and Mr Russell in his place.

Sr George Lockart, ye Ld Pre: of ye sessions in Scotland, most barbarously murdred, as he lighted from his coach to goe into his own house, by one Cheesly,[d] who he had given some judgm^t^ ag^st^ in behalf of his own wife and children. He was put to ye torture, had his hand cut of, and hanged up in chaines. I heare the K^g^ and Queene are proclaimed in y^t^ kingdom.

The Com^ns^ have voted ye K^g^ thankes for declaring he will maintaine ye Church of Eng: establishd by law, and that his Ma^ty^ be desired to issue out writts to call a Convocation.

Charles Hatton.

April 16, 1689.

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This night ye judges are to be sworne. In ye K[ing's] B[ench], Holt, Dolben, Winnington, Aires; C[ommon] P[leas], Pollexfen, Powell, Ward, Rookeby; in ye Exchequer Sr R^t^ Atkins (if he will accept,

[a] Sir George Hewett was made Viscount Hewett on the 9th April, and died on the 2nd December, 1689.

[b] Admiral Arthur Herbert, Earl of Torrington.

[c] Anthony Cary, fourth Viscount Falkland, was succeeded as Treasurer of the Navy by Admiral Edward Russell, afterwards Earl of Orford.

[d] Chiesly of Dalry.

but many say he will not), Nevill, Ventris and Turton.[a] It is reported Sr R^t Atkins is soe disgrrubl'd not to be Ch. J. of ye Com. Pleases y^t he sath he will not have his brothers scimm milke. This day Ch. Baron Montagu wase very busy in discoursing severall lords in ye lobby, and many thought he wase turned sollicitor for his old place.[b] I have enclosed a printed paper wch I borrowed for ye satisfaction of y^r perusall, wch when you have, pray send it backe, for they are not to be bought. When you have read it, you cannot doubt who is concluded to be ye author, who is threaten'd by Sr Robt to be excluded out of ye Act of indemnity; and all Sr Roberts patrons and partisans are not a little nettled at it.

I am told Sr Charles Littleton's regiment is broke, and ye soldiers y^t remained put into ye reg^t of Fusileers.

I am y^r Lo^pps, my sister's, nephew, and neices
very humble servant,
C. Hatton.

The same.

April 20, [16]89.

Last Thursday, my L^d, Captaine Ellis went to Hampton Court by my Ld Nottingham's advise, who presented him. He desired mee to goe wth him, wch I did out of curiosity to see it, never having before. The outside is very meane. How it is furnish'd within I cannot tell, nor had I curiosity enouf to informe myself. I wase soe

[a] The appointments were: in the King's Bench, Sir John Holt, Chief Justice, Sir William Dolben, Sir Giles Eyre, and Sir William Gregory; in the Common Pleas, Sir Henry Pollexfen, Chief Justice, Sir John Powell, Sir Thomas Rokeby, and Sir Peyton Ventris; in the Exchequer, Sir Robert Atkins, Chief Baron, Sir Edward Neville, Sir Nicholas Lechmere, and Sir John Turton.

[b] Sir William Montagu, Chief Baron, had been removed in April, 1686.

disgusted to see ye front and back side, I admire how anyone can fancy it. It wase soe late before wee return'd, goeing and coming by water, I cou'd not write y^t^ night.

I moved y^r^ Lo^ppe^ for a letter to Mr Temple,[a] to expedite Cap^tn^ Ellis; but, shou'd y^r^ letter now come, I wou'd not follow him to deliver it, for, last night, about 6 a clocke, he tooke occasion by water to goe into another world. He went upon ye water about 12 at noone, enquir'd how ye tide wase. Betwixt five and six in ye evening he tooke boat at Whitehall, went wth ye first oares who plyed him, who wase a stranger to him, refused those who used to carry him, bid ye waterman carry him below bridge, and, just as he wase shooting ye bridge, lay'd down in ye boate a shilling and a peice of paper in wch wase writ ye following words: "My folly in undertaking what I cannot performe hath done ye King great prejudice, wch cannot be stopp'd any other waye but this. May his undertakings prosper! May he find a blessing!" Then bid ye waterman farewell, and leap'd over. Afterward, he rise up againe, but ye eddise suck'd him in before ye waterman cou'd bring his boate about, and so wase drown'd.

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I am y^r^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The same.

April 23, 1689.

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The accompt I gave you last Saturday of Mr Temple wase too true. His body wase found yesterday morning, taken up neere the Tower.

[a] John, son of Sir William Temple and Secretary-at-War, the story of whose unhappy death is so well known through Macaulay's History.

The occasion of his writing those words he left in ye boate hath raised much discourse here in town. The discharge of ye office of Secretarie of Warre is not a difficult taske; besides, Mr Blaithwait, knowing how well Mr Temple wase at Court, to gaine his friendshippe did (I am very well assured) not only give him at present all ye assistance he cou'd to render it easie to him, but promised to continue it as long as he pleased. Therefore ye discharge of y^t^ office cou'd not bee ye foolish undertaking what he cou'd not performe he soe fatally lamented. But I am inclined to beleeve it wase his undertaking y^t^ Tyrconnel woud deliver up Ireland upon articles, for I am told by a very intelligent person y^t^ ye L^d^ Ch. Justice of Ireland,[a] who came here from Tyrconnel, did, according to his instructions, apply himself to Mr. Temples relations, and Mr Temple negotiated y^t^ affaire, and being imposed on wth false assurances y^t^, if Major Generall Hamilton[b] was sent into Ireland wth advantagious proposall to Tyrconnel, he wou'd deliver up y^t^ kingdom, and ye expence of sending over men might be saved, Mr Temple, beeing soe imposed on, did wth great earnestness assert his opinion; wch being proved to bee erronious by ye event, some hasty and inconsiderate personns did say some few dayes since to Mr Temple that all ye blood shed in recovering Ireland wou'd call for vengeance from him and his family; the reflection on wch made him, who wase naturally very melancolly, take y^t^ fatall resolution wch hath disapointed ye delivery of y^r^ letter, for I have noe intention of following him wth it.

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I am y^r^ Lo^ppes^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

[a] Thomas Nugent, Chief Justice of the King's Bench in Ireland; removed in 1690.

[b] Richard Hamilton, the brother of the author of Grammont's Memoirs.

Sir Edmund King.

My Lord, May 23th, [16]89.

Having writt twice to enquire after y^r^ Lord^ps^ health and not hearing, I began to fear I forgot to direct them to the Weldon bagg, wch might occasion their miscarriage. Pray give me leave to send this on the same arrand. By some I have heard yor Lord^p^ and familie have continued well, and by others y^t^ yor Lord^p^ had som of yor olde paines againe, wch I am concern'd at, but hope the Tunbridge waters will prove more successfull than other methods have done. 'Twill be a kinde of presumption to write yor Lord^p^ any news, yet, being yesterday wth the Earle of Twedall,[a] who is come lately from Scotland on acc^t^ of his health (and under my care), read me his letters from thence; that ye Lord Dundee came to Perth and tooke away ye Lord Blaire[b] and two more Conventionors and part of a troop raising there; that Mackey keeps in those parts, but Dundee sculks about; that the young men of y^t^ kingdome are very unanimous and meet in divers places to exercise; that the new batterie against the Castle at Edenbrough is now finyshd and the morter peices are planted, and they expect w^th^in a day or two to begin to use them.

Yesterday and to day the towne rings wth a report from several letters that those in Londonderry have made another sally and kill'd several thousands Irish and a great many great officers; and they say the Duke of B[erwick] is kill'd, and that the seige is raisd. Yesterday on told me he heard the K[ing] say ther is now 20 saile of Dutch men of warr at the Spitthead; but we are informd the French have taken 7 of the Dutch merchant ships worth 150,000^ll^ or more. Many other discourses mak a noise here; but soe few reports prove true, y^t^ I rather aske your Lord^ps^ pardon for w^t^ I

[a] John Hay, 2nd Earl of Tweedale; created Marquess in 1694.

[b] The Laird of Blair.

have said than report more, and humbly intreat my humble service to my Lady, and allways heartilie pray for yor Lord^{ps} health and of all yours.

Charles Hatton.

July 11, [16]89.

I am very glad, my L^{d}, to heare ye waters agree soe well wth y^{r} Lo^{ppe}, and I am told y^{r} presence will be requird here, and by y^{r} freinds exspected, in a short time, y^{t} is, when Captn Vaughan, Captn Mole,[a] &c. come to be tryed on their impeachm^{t}; for it is thought ye day will be appointed to morrow, when their answer is to bee given in. The Lords house have sat thes 3 dayes very close and long on ye bill for reversing ye judgm^{t} ag^{t} T[itus] Oates.[b] It hath been caryed ag^{t} generall clauses in ye bill only by 2 votes, ye Ld Devonshire and D^{r} B[urne]t of Salisbury. The freinds of T. O. will have ye judgm^{t} to be erroneous. Others say ye divesting him of his ecclesiastic orders wase erroneous, for y^{t} lay not in their power to doe, and y^{t} ye rest of judgm^{t} wase not erroneous but too severe. To morrow ye sages of ye law are to deliver their opinion whither one branch of a judgm^{t} being erroneous doth not render ye whole judgm^{t} soe. It is reported y^{t} ye Ld Mountague[c] moved for an address to K[ing] W[illiam] to have ye Ld Hallifax removed from ye Woolsack and Ser^{t} Maynard placed ther; but his freinds wou'd have had ye question waved. But my Ld Hallifax put it, and very few seconded ye Lord Mountague. This day a bill was brought up

[a] Captain Vaughan and Captain Mold, Jacobite agents, who were arrested for distributing James's declaration.

[b] See Macaulay's interesting account of the debates in his 14th chapter.

[c] This is a mistake. Charles Mordaunt, Earl of Monmouth, led the attack on Halifax.

from ye Commons to ye L^ds^ H. by Mr Trenchard, ye Ld Coot,[a] Coll. Manly, and Sr Tho. Samuel, to attaint severall persons wth K[ing] J[ames] in Ireland, from whence ye papists or some s^d^ to bee popishly affected say 5000 men are sent into Scotl^d^ to joyne Dundee.

THE SAME.

Augt 1, [16]89.

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Wee are in great exspectation to see w^t^ ye designe of ye adjournm^t^ of both Houses wase this day, and w^t^ will be done to morrow to reconcile both Houses in ye concern of y^t^ worthy man T[itus] Oates.

It is said at ye Exchange y^t^ ye French have taken an English shippe coming from Turkey, laden wth silke to ye valew of 50000^ll^, and y^t^ 5 shippes laden wth provisions ar taken from within ye barre at Chester, and y^t^ ye French Toulon fleet hath joyn[ed] their other at Brest, 20 leagues from whenc ye Dutch and English fleet ride and bides defyance to ye French.

Ther is much discourse this day, in coffee-houses, y^t^ ye notorious rebell Dundee is very potent and victorious and y^t^ ther is great discord in ye parl^t^ in Scotland.[b] But many think thes reports are raised by ye papists and not to be credited, for ye Gazette this day doth not mention any such thing.

I am y^r^ Lo^pps^, Lady Hattons, Mrs Haslewood, and Sister Alices very humble serv^t^,

C. HATTON.

[a] Richard Coote, Lord Coote of Coloony, who was created Earl of Bellamont this year; M.P. for Droitwich, and Treasurer to the Queen.

[b] Dundee was already slain at Killiecrankie, on the 27th July.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, London, Aug. 8th, [1689].

I am very glad ye fright of ye children is over and yt you stay to drink ye waters wch seeme to doe you good.

Ye news to day is: Kirk is in Derry, ye Irish drawn of, and ye prottestants encamped wthout ye town.[a] If it be so, as I beleeve, when ye forces that goe hence are landed, I beleeve they will carry all before ym. Yesterday I discoursed wth a gentleman who was store keeper of ye ordnance in Ireland. He confirmed to mee wht I had before heard, yt ye reason ye Irish cd not take it was want of guns to batter it. He told mee there was but a very few in all ye kingdom of any force, and yt ye country abt Derry was so rotten they cd not be drawn thither. He seemed to me a sober intelligent man; but I can't conceive at this time of yeare but ye ground will beare any weight.

He said ye men of Derry and Inniskelling and thereabts are ever esteemed the best in Ireland, and that there are 20,000. He sd there is a very good wall abt Derry, and well flanqued, a dry ditch, and cd not be taken wth so many men to defend it, but by scallado, wthout a breach.

News this morning is yt Dundee is certainly dead.

It's thought ye par: will be adjournd next week. They voted this morn:, I think, yt, after such a day in 8obr, no body, men nor women, shall come to Court in any thing but wollen, except for linings, and all women, under such a quallity, to weare hatts.

[a] The siege was raised on the 1st August.

Charles Hatton.

Augt 15, [16]89.

Your Lo^{ppe} guessed very right, when you declared ye great offence ye act for wearing woollen wou'd give, for yesterday ye L^{ds} in their House were besett wth soe numerous and mutinous a rabble, that this day, for their security, they were by their order guarded wth 2 companies of ye trayne bands, ye constables of Westminster wth their beadles. My Ld Maior ordred a regim^{t} of ye militia to bee on ye guard in London, and ye L^{t} [of y^{e}] Tower ye severall companies in ye Hamlets. And ye sherif of Middlesex wase ordred to be in a readiness wth a posse comitatus. Last Tuesday ye Masters of ye company of silke weavers petitioned ye H. of C. y^{t}, before ye wollen act passed, they might be heard by their counsell; but ye H. of C., to shew their bravour, rejected ye petition and passed ye bill, and ye same day sent it up to L^{ds} House, whither yesterday all ye silke weavers, their wives, and children came. I beleeve ther were above 20000. Both ye pallace yards, ye Abby Church, Westminster Hall, ye Court of Request, ye Painted Chamber, wase, from 9 of ye clocke in ye morning till 2 in ye afternoone, soe crouded, it wase scarce possible for any person to pass. Coll. Birch[a] wase ye great promoter of ye Woolen Act, but, forseeing ye storme wase likely to fall on him, he fled into ye country; and it wase well he did, for, had he come to parl^{t}, I verily beleeve he had been torn to peices. My Ld North,[b] ye B^{p} of Winchester,[c] and other Lords set up for Publicolas, made severall orations; but their eloquence prevayled very little, the rabble frequently interrupting y^{m} wth their clamorous shouts, one and all, y^{t} nothing sho'd satisfy y^{m} till ye bill wase flung out. But at last, upon reiterated assurances y^{t} care sho'd be taken

[a] John Birch, who began life as a carter, became a colonel under Cromwell, and sat many years in Parliament.

[b] Charles, Lord Grey and North.

[c] Peter Mew.

of them and nothing should be done as to ye woollen bill till their counsell wase heard, they dispersed. My Ld North boasted how he had preserved ye L^ds^ House by his prudent managem^t^. A clownish fellow by way of reply tooke notice how ye Capitoll of Rome had been preserv'd.

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I am y^r^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

October 24, [16]89.

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My Lady Essex Griffin[a] is sent to ye Tower for a Pewter Pot Plot, much more ridiculous then Mis Sellier[s] Meal Tub. My Ld Griffin's cooke bespoke of a pewterer an oblong square pewter pot, to put brandy in; but it wase to have a false bottom, in wch wase to be put some counterband goods to be sent into France. When the pot wase made, yesterday morning, betwixt one and two of ye clocke in ye morning, ye cooke and a foot boy went to call up ye pewterer, to come to my Ld Griffins house to sodder in ye false bottom. The pewterer told y^m^ he cou'd not ther doe it soe conveniently as at his own house, and bid y^m^ fetch ye pot and he wou'd get ready his tooles and sodder in ye bottome presently. They went, fetch'd ye pot, and, as soon as ye pewterer had received it, he told y^m^ he must know w^t^ wase put into ye false bottome. They pretended that ther wase jewells. But ye pewterer, pulling what wase in ye false bottome, found letters to ye King and severall papers, apprehended ye cook and footman, and, sending for a constable, caried y^m^ to y^e^

[a] Daughter of James Howard, Earl of Suffolk, and wife of Edward, Lord Griffin.

Secretaries office; but, noe body being ther, he secured y^m^ in ye porter's lodge, went to Mr Hampden, acquainted him, and early y^t^ morning they were examined. A messenger wase sent to search ye Ld Griffin's house and secure my L^d^; but he wase gone away. My Lady is sent to ye Tower, and my Lady Eliz. Thatcher. Her first husband wase De la Val. The pewter bottle wase to have been sent by one Mon^sr^ Busy, a Frenchman who maryed my Lady Newburgh; and Mr Thatcher, my Lady Eliz. husband, wase to goe as his man wth him into France, and from thence to carry ye pewter bottle into Ireland. In ye false bottom ther is said to have been found a draught of a patent to create my Ld Griffin an earle, and in his letter he expressed a desire y^t^ it might beare date before abdication wase voted. What else of any certainty I cannot heare. Some say ther wase lists of "worthy men" and "men worthy." This is for certain, ther never wase a more foolish contrivance, and who ever had any hand in it must be as blind in their understanding as my Lady Essex's eyes are.

It wase thought my Ld Preston, Ld Forbes,[a], Sr John Fenniick, Mr Chomley,[b] and others wou'd by their writs of habeas corpus have been brought up to ye Bench this day; but they not being willing to comply wth my Ld Lucas[c] in paying him ye fees he demanded of y^m^, to bee as vexatious to y^m^ as he can, he will not bring y^m^ up till to morrow.

I have enclosed yesterdayes votes, and I heare ye H. of C. have voted to-day that they will stand by and assist his Ma^ty^ in reducing Irel^d^, and joyning wth his allies abroad in a vigorous prosecution of ye war ag^t^ France. And to-morrow sennight is appointed to consider of a supply for his Ma^ty^. All here give y^r^ Lo^ppe^ and all at Kirby their very humble service, and more particularly y^r^ most humble servant,

C. HATTON.

[a] William, 11th Lord Forbes.

[b] Thomas Cholmondeley, of Vale Royal, co. Chester.

[c] Lieutenant of the Tower.

THE SAME.

Novr 2, [16]89.

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The Parl^mt seem as if they resolved to make all incur a premunire, who will not take ye late oathes. This day ye H. of L^ds have appointed a private, rather a secret, committee to examine ye murther of my Ld Essex and who were ye occasion of ye death of ye Ld Russel, Coll. Sidney, Cornish, &c, and a committee to examine who were ye promoters of regulating corporations.

The Ld Griffin is come in and layes all ye blame of ye late business on his lady, whose contrivance it wase without his privity; all wch she averres, and y^t a letter writ in his name in a hand very like his wase write by her direction by a very skilfull person in counterfeiting hands, who is since fled into France. You will easily imagine ye intreague of ye Pewter Pot. The managem^t thereof and my Ld Griffins delivering himself up furnishes this town wth various reports. If coffee house tales were to be credited, my Ld Griffin hath impeached at least 20 personns of note.

The H. of C. have appointed a committee to examine by w^ht meanes my Ld Grffin had intelligence where ye severall stations of ye winter guard of ye navy were to bee, w^ch, it is said, were resolved on on Saterday night and found mentioned in my Ld Griffins paper ye next Monday morning.

The same committee is to examine into ye miscarriages of victualling ye navy and ye transportation of ye army into Irel^d, and all other things relating both to ye war both by sea and land ye last year. All here give their very humble service to y^r Lo^ppe, but more particularly your very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

The same.

Novr 12, [16]89.

My Ld Preston, when he came up to ye K^gs Bench from ye Tower by habeas corpus to be bailed, wase frighted (I suppose) by a story ther told him, y^t my Ld Montague had 80 bailifs ready to seize him when bailed, wth wch he acquainted ye court, telling them he wase a peere of England. The court took noe notice of his peerage (nor wase it necessary), but told him y^t, coming and going, he wase under ye protection of ye court; and ye under-Sherif of Middlesex being by, ye court charged him at his perill not to arrest my L^d. Some dayes after, my Ld Preston gave baile to my Ld Montague to answer his action. But ye L^ds House, being informed y^t my Ld Preston claimed to be a peer of England, ordered him yesterday to produce his patent, wch wase signed at St Germaines, in France, ye 1st of January last, and wax put to it, but noe impression, for y^r Lo^ppe knowes ye great seale wase flung into ye Thames and soe cou'd not be affixed to it. This occasioned a great debate what crime it wase to produce such a patent, whither it wase high treason by endeavouring to counterfeit ye great seal; and ye judges were asked their opinions, wch they were to give in to day, and my L^d committed to ye Black Rod. To day ye judges gave their opinions: That ye crime wase a high misdemeanor bordering upon treason, for wch my L^d wase this day committed to ye Tower. And yesterday my Ld Griffin wase brought up to L^ds House to be examined. He pleaded ignorance to all ye designe of ye Pewter Plot. But a letter wase produced, said to be under his hand, and one who had been his servant said he knew his hand and thought y^t to be his hand but could not swear it; upon wch my L^d wase remanded to ye Tower and ordered to be brought up againe to-day. My Ld Lovelace[a] acquainted ye House y^t my Ld Griffin wo'd take ye oathes, and offered to be his baile. But it seemes bare taking ye oathes will not

[a] John, 3rd Lord Lovelace.

excuse my L[d] Griffin; he must doe something more meritorious, for this day he is committed to y[e] Tower for high treason.

Yesterday y[e] new building at Kinginton (*sic*), at y[t] w[ch] wase my L[d] Nottingham's house, fell down, killed a workman, wounded 7 or 8 more. It is said y[e] foundation wase lay'd over a vault, and y[e] weight of y[e] building broke thro.

THE SAME.

November 21, [16]89.

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Yesterday y[e] Convocation met and y[e] 2 candidates for y[e] prolocutorshippe were D[r] Jane[a] and D[r] Tillotson, but D[r] Jane had so apparently y[e] majority of votes that his election wase confirmed w[th] very little dispute. It is reported he wase kick'd into y[t] office; for last Sunday he went to preach at Whitehall, according to his turne, y[t] afternoone, but wase put by and not permitted to preach, but B[p] Burnet did; w[ch], it is thought, wase not to D[r] Jane[s] disadvantage in his election. D[r] Beveridge[b] did yesterday preach y[e] Latin sermon (w[ch] will be printed). He therein said our liturgy needed noe alteration; and it is now thought y[t] y[e] major part of y[e] convocation will be of the same opinion, and therfore, as they adjourned themselves till Monday, it is thought that they will then be adjourned till a longer time.

My L[d] Arran is gone for Scotland, and Duke Hamilton, it is said, will returne thither as commissioner next weeke. The Popish party discourse much in the coffee houses of great commotions ther, in y[e] Highlands, and great successes in Ireland; but our gazettes make noe mention therof.

[a] William Jane, Dean of Hereford.

[b] William Beveridge, afterwards Bishop of St. Asaph.

The same.

Novr 26, [16]89.

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Yesterday ye Convocation met, and Dr Jane chose Dr Aldridge [a] to present him, who did it in a most eloquent oration. Dr Jane concluded his speech: "Nolumus leges Angliæ immutari." The B^{p} of London made a speech exactly agreeable to ye expectation of all who are acquainted wth his elocution. It is thought Dr Jane and Dr Aldridges speeches will be printed. As for ye B^{p} of Londons, it is much doubted, for, if it shou'd, it wou'd loose ye graces of eloquent delivery.

Dr Jane was permitted to preach at Whitehall last Sunday morning. The sermon wase ag^{t} Socinus.

Here is a very pestilentiall pamphlet privately dispersed ag^{t} ye Athanasian Creed.[b]

Seraphic Horneck [c] preached ther in ye afternoon. His discourse wase about ye love and feare of God, and told his auditority (*sic*) y^{t} one asked his (mystical) countryman Taulerus [d] whither, wase he certain y^{t} God wou'd damn him, wou'd he yet love Him? He replyed: He had 2 arms, one of humility, ye other of feare. Shou'd God damn him, he wou'd catch hold on Him with both his arms, and pull Him down with him into hell; and, having God ther, he cou'd not feare. I suppose this is a flight beyond y^{r} country preachers, and I suppose you will not much lament ye misfortune in not having him parson of St Andrews, Holborn.

I and all here are y^{r} Lo^{pps}, Lady Hattons, and all at Kirby their very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

[a] Henry Aldrich, Dean of Christ Church.

[b] "Brief Notes on the Creed of St. Athanasius." It was answered by Sherlock, Dean of St. Paul's.

[c] Anthony Horneck, Preacher at the Savoy, famous for his pathetic sermons.

[d] Johann Tauler, the mystic.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, London, No. 28, [1689.]

I am very glad to find you at some ease by y^rs I rec^d last night. I have had no letter lately from my son, but I heare he is well; yet can't expect he sh^d long continue so where he is. So many fall down ab^t him, and, by all I can learn of their condition, I think it's liker to be streightned and made more uneasie every day y^n other. At length I heare 'tis confessd on all hands y^t K^g James has taken Sligo, and, tho' it mayn't be true, yet tis s^d our army deserts and many goes into ye enemy. I beleeve there has bine a great mortallity in our army, both officers and soldiers,[a] wch has bine such a discouragem^t, I question much whither it will not be very difficult to recruite y^m ag^st ye spring; and I heare too there has bine no very good harmony among ye greate officers. I pitty ye old Gen^ll [b] extremely, who I take to be a good man as well as a greate captain, to have so much censure for his conduct in this expedition, his greate experience not allowing him to have so much contempt of his enemy as others have, and to overvalue his own untryed troopes. Y^e H. of Com. has fallen heavily on ye Com^ry of ye provisions, Capt. Shales [c] voting an adresse to ye K^g to desire his Matie will enable ye Gen^ll to seize and secure his person and all his bookes and papers; and yesterday it was seconded wth another vote to addresse y^t his M. will be pleased to let ye H[ouse] know who it is advised him to employ Shales.

[a] In the entrenched camp at Dundalk.

[b] Schomberg.

[c] Henry Shales, who had also been Commissary General to the camp at Hounslow, and was continned in his office as the only person of any experience in that department.

Charles Hatton.

March 6, $16\frac{89}{90}$.

Mr Ashmole hath, my L^{d}, y^{e} best baking pear I ever saw, both for largeness, firmeness, and good tast. Many eate it raw, but it is then harsh. It keepes y^{e} year round. It is in his garden grafted on a dwarfe stocke, and an excellent bearer. It is in shape and colour very like y^{e} Spanish Bon Christien. He calles it ye Ashmole peare. I sent 4 grafts to Mr Knight this morning, desiring him to take care to convey y^{m} carefully to y^{r} Lo^{ppe}; wch he promised me he wou'd. I cou'd get noe more grafts, for I knew not of ye goodness of ye peare, till all ye other grafts were cut of.

As for news, I dare venture to send none; all ye reports here are soe uncertain. Y^{e} last Gazette contradicts ye precedent. Last Monday's Gazette said Cavan wase burnt, and ye Duke of Berwicke wounded and his army routed. This dayes Gazette sath ye Duke of Berwick is in Cavan still.

I am to y^{r} Lo^{ppe} and all with you a
very faithfull and humble servant,
C. Hatton.

The same.

My Lord, Apr. 8, 1690.

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The Bill of Recognition is at last past ye L^{ds} H[ouse]. It wase all ye last weeke debated. The Court party wase divided. One great debate wase whither ye acts of ye last parl^{t} (soe called) shou'd

be confirmed or recognised. Y^e^ Duke of Bolton [a] brought in ye bill, in wch it wase declared y^t^ all ye acts of ye last parl^t^ were lawfull and rightfull. Y^t^ clause wase opposed by ye Marquis Hallifax, Ld Danby, Pembroke, Nottingham, and others, and, last Saterday, it being put to ye question whither ye acts of ye last parl^t^ were lawfull and rightfull, the negative carryed it, ther being 36 for ye negative, 31 for ye affirmative. But, presently after, to prevent ye ill consequence such a vote might have, being dispersed over ye nation, my Ld Danby made a tack and moved y^t^ ye H[ouse] wou'd declare ther resolution to confirme and recognise those acts, and then, when they had made them lawfull, they were lawfull. And now those acts are recognised and declared that they are and were lawfull. The politick distinctions in parl^t^ doe far, as to nicenes, exceed ye philosophicall distinctions of ye schollmen; and perhapps ther may be new classes of Aquinas's and Duns's.

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I am y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The same.

April 15, [1690].

I endeavoured, my L^d^, to waite on my Ld Nottingham to day, but cou'd not; and shall try againe to morrow, and shall not forget Mr Martin's concern. I have been to day at Chelsey garden, and have made choice of 2 potts of ye passion-flower, and am very confident y^r^ Lo^ppe^ need not fear but they will thrive very well, they are soe lusty and stronge, and, if y^r^ garden[er] be carefull to lay y^m^ well, by this time 12 month you may have 20.

[a] Charles Paulett, Marquess of Winchester, created Duke of Bolton in 1689.

I have sent y^r Lo^ppe ye protestation of some of ye L^ds ag^t ye Act of Recognition, about wch ther hath been soe many and hot debates. The reasons of ye protest are, by order of ye majority of ye Lords by five, razed out of ye journal; but ye names of ye protesting lords remaine, and they have with reason entred their protest ag^t ye razure of y^t reason for their first protest.

Last night a fire begun, about 12 at night, at ye coffee house over ye mews gate, wch burnt wth y^t violence y^t it wase thought fit to blow up ye adjoyning houses on each hand, wch put a stop to it.

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

MY L^d, April 26, [16]90.

Some of my old botanick acquaintances, having made an appointm^t to goe yesterday to Hampton Court (to see ye famous collection ther of ye rare Indian plantes wch mine Heer Fagel had gathered together), called on me, and I heartily wish'd y^r Lo^ppe had been ther, for there is about 400 rare Indian plantes wch were never seen in England; and there is scarce any desirable Indian plant, but a specimen may be seen ther; and some very curious Indian plants are in so great perfection y^t it is very wonderfull and scarce credible. The stoves in wch they are kept are much better contrived and built then any other in England.

Wee went by water and called at a D^rs house by ye way, wher I saw a very pretty flowering shrubb in his greenhouse, and I have enclosed 2 or 3 seeds, all I cou'd get; and if carefully sowed on a hotbed, I doubt not but they will come up.

The greatest news I can send you from here is y^t ye Abjuration

Bill is flung out of ye House of Commons, at w^ch^, it is said, some are soe displeased y^t^ ther will be another bill brought in much to ye same effect.

My Ld Nottingham's abdication is now contradicted by ye coffee-house newsmongers. Wee are all here both to y^r^ Lo^ppe^ and all at Kirby most faithfull and very humble servants.

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

May 15, [16]90.

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Wee are likely to have here great bussle betwixt ye Wiggs and modern Tories, for ye Lords have passed ye bill for invalidating ye judgm^t^ ag^t^ ye charter of London and restoring ye old charter, by wch all ye old aldermen and magistrates of London, who were displaced when ye charter of London wase judg'd forfeited, are restored, and all vacancies since (by the 26 of this month) are by new elections to be filled up; so y^t^ by ye 26th a new Ld Mayor, new sheriffs, severall new aldermen, a new common councell, are to be chosen, wch you will easily imagine will occasion warm disputes.

Yesterday S^r^ Ed. Seymour in ye H. of Commons tooke occasion to fall a little foul upon ye white marquise,[a] and wase seconded by Captn Granville,[b] my Ld Baths son. In return, some friends to [the] Marquise made some sever reflections on ye Earle of Bath, and, after some wrangling, ye business fell, and ye Marquises and Earle's honour (notwithstanding all reflections) are in statu quo.

C. HATTON.

[a] Caermarthen.

[b] John Granville, second son of John Earl of Bath, created Lord Granville of Potheridge in 1702.

The same.

June 7, [16]90.

I hope, my L^{d}, it wase not any increase of y^{r} indisposition wch wase ye occasion I heard nothing from Kirby ye last post. And, tho' I have not much news to acquaint y^{r} Lo^{ppe}, yet I will send w^{t} I heare stirring, and in ye first place tell you w^{t} will be more surprising then afflicting to you. The famed Ferguson is committed to a messenger's hands on suspition of treason ag^{t} ye present governm^{t}.

This day Captn Crone[a] wase ye 3^{d} time tryed and found guilty of high treason; but, before ye jury brought him in guilty, they were shut up from 3 of ye clocke yesterday in ye afternoone till one this afternoone, after wch in arrest of judgm^{t} he pleaded an errour in ye indictm^{t} as found by ye grand jury, for they signed it Billa Verra; and the judges have appointed to have it argued by councell before y^{m} next Thursday.

It is reported y^{t} ye Queen Dowager is ordered to goe either to Windsor or Audle-End, because ye Papists, on pretence of going to her chappell, doe meet and caball. The truth is, ye popish party are very insolent and impudently give ye ly to all other publick news, and, tho' every publick intelligence tells us how ye Highlanders are run down, y^{t} ye popish party give out y^{t} they [are] very strong and have lately received great recruits from Ireland. Wee shall never be happy till all our damnable lyers are confounded, wch God speedily grant.

I and all here are, wth great sincerity, to y^{r} Lo^{ppe} and all at Kirby most faithfull and humble servants.

C. Hatton.

[a] Matthew Crone, the Jacobite emissary. He saved his life by giving information of the designed invasion.

The same.

June 17, [16]90.

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Wee have here very little news stirring. These infidells, ye Jacobites, goe about to shamme all ye glorious defeat of ye Thoulon fleet, and wou'd have it pass for a shamme, and they wickedly endeavour to persuade ye people our gazeteer is noe more infallible than ye pope.[a]

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C. Hatton.

The Countess of Nottingham.

Thursday, ye 26 of June, [1690].

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I find, when y^r^ Losp. writ y^rs^, you were ignorant of the expectations we are here in of hearing every moment of some engagement at sea between our fleet and the French, for they have layn in sight of one another this 4 days. W^t^ will the consequence be wee are in great impatience to know.

I thinke from the first y^t^ I heard it till to day I have thought of nothing else; but now indeed w^t^ my uncle Hatton has by his foolishness brought himself into is some concern to me, and I belive will be so to y^r^ Losp. when you hear.[b] Upon suspicion and some discovery several people have been secured in the Tower: my Lord

[a] The infidels were right.

[b] Luttrell, under date of 22d June, has the entry: "Captain Hatton, brother to the lord Hatton, is committed to the Tower for handing to the presse a treasonable paper against the government."

Clarendon and my Lord Newburgh,[a] Sr John Fenwick, Charles Turner, and several more;[b] and he, by the foolishness of his talk and the company he kept, together wth the accusation of one Brown, either a bookseller or printer, who is in custody, who sayd he delivered him a booke, wch he published, call[ed] an Answer to a letter to a Bishop (wch was writ by the Bishop of St. Asaph). In ye answer to it there are, it is said, very scurolous things on the Governnment; so, upon this, by the messenger of the press he was siezed on this morning and carried before the Councell, were he was soe thorowlly bewitchd as to owne the haveing writ it, wch after all I dont thinke he did, when, if he had not owned it, there was but one witness against him; but now he dexterously adds himself.

Y^r Losp. speaking of coming up, tho you seem not to be more inclined to it then business oblige you, may not be improper upon this account. I hope it may be no prejudic to y^r health, because you say nothing of it nor my brother and sisters. I begg my humble dutty to my Lady and service to my Aunt.

I am y^r Losp. most obedient daughter,

A. NOTTINGHAM.

ELIZABETH HATTON.[c]

June ye 28, [1690].

I was not capable, my Lord, ye last post of acquainting y^ur L^dpps of ye ill news of Mr Hatton being sent to ye Tower by ye Privy Counsell, for high treason, for writing a book wch he owned. He is

[a] Charles Livingston, second Earl of Newburgh.

[b] On the charge of inviting a French invasion.

[c] Wife of Charles Hatton, and daughter of Sir William Scroggs. Her letters are illiterate, even for that age, for one in her position.

now a close prisoner. I resolve to goe to him next week, and I must be confined. I have indeavoured to a got leve to a gon out and in, but it will not be granted. I am in great hopes y^r L^dpps will be in town before I goe to ye Tower. He went a Thursday night, wch prevented his writing to y^r L^dpps. He sent down 2 books by ye carrier. Y^e dicktionary, wch y^r L^dpps sent to know ye price, is seven and twenty shillings. I beg my humble servis to my Lady and my sister Hatton. I hope they will pardon me in not writing, for my sorrows are soe great it makes me not able to pay my duty. My most humble servis to y^r L^dpps, my Lady, my sister Hatton.

I am y^r L^dpps

Most faithfull,

Humble serv^t,

E. HATTON.

I hope y^r L^dpps will pardon me, for I doe not know what I say, I am in such amaise.

THE SAME.

July ye 3, [16]90.

I received y^r Ld^pps kind letter, wch at this present time I doe much want. I could wish I wase able to give y^r Ld^pps a true account of what Mr Hatton is acused of; but I am very ignorant, for I did not in ye least know of anything tell ye messenger came for him, and then I had not time to inquire of him, and I cannot larne of any person that have seen it what is in it, but most doe say there is nothing in that can tuch his life. I trust in God tis true; but they have peech him of high treason, wch makes a great sound. He is kept a very close prisoner, for wee cannot get leave that any person should be admited, tho a warder is by. I have don all I can in ye world to get leave to goe into ye Tower, tho I am willing to be a close prisenor; for he hath noebody wth him, and, should he be

sick, it may prove of a very ill consequence. As for getting him bailed, it is impossible to have it don, for there is noe hopes of his coming out tell next term, and his clos confinement I much fear will much prejudice his health. I beg of y^r Ld^pps to writ to ye President that he may have ye liberty of ye Tower, and that he may be aloud that sumtimes he may see his frends or those persons wch he hath reall business wth concerning his one affairs. And allsoe I humble beg y^r Ld^pps will be pleased to writ to som of ye Privi Counsell, that I may have order to goe into ye Tower, for I will asure y^r Ld^pps I am under soe much sorrow that tis impossibell to be exprest, or can I support myself, for I can declare I have sleept not one houre in a night sence he hath ben there. I have another favor to desire of y^r Ld^pps, that y^u would be pleased to consider his condition, and that ye place is very chargeable, and noe person that he doe owe but sixpence to but is pressing and rude, wch makes me exposed daly to great inconveniencys.

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I am y^r Ld^pps most faithfull, humble servent,
E. HATTON.

THE COUNTESS OF NOTTINGHAM.

Thursday, ye 3 of July, [1690.]

My Lord has at this present so little time to himself, he hopes your Lord^sp will pardon his not writting to you, but will not be failling to doe what lyes in his power to serve him whom y^r Losp. recommends to him, whoes proceedings as been after his usualle method, and would more have surprised had it been from anny other body but himself.

We are all in twone full of what concerns the fleet,[a] upon w^ch

[a] The battle of Beachy Head was fought on the 30th June.

account my Lord Torrington is very hardly spoke of, whither diservedly or no, I must have a better insight to sea fight then I have at this distance to, to venter to judge whither he deserves it or no; but wone thing is certaine, y^{t}, after the engagement was begun, he let all lye upon the Dutch squadron and did not engage at all wth the French fleet, wch squadron had certainly been quite lost, but y^{t} the Duke of Grafton, who in this expedition has got immortal fame, would fight, and wone ship more came to there assistance. It pleased God to give y^{t} success to there undertaking y^{t} wth twenty ships, wch were the number of the Dutch and these two that came to there assistance, they made there party so good wth the French fleet, wch was of eighty two ships, y^{t} but wone Dutch ship was lost. There is eight disabled, but will in a little while be fitted up againe; of them, a Dutch Vice Admiral and a Rear Admirall and two captaines are killed; and of our, wone Captaine Botham and Captaine Pomeroy. There is a report y^{t} six ships of the French are disabled, and y^{t} they are toing them towards some of there owne ports, and y^{t} the Plimouth squardon is gone after them. My Lord Stweard [a] and my Lord Pembroke [b] have been so brave to offer their service to the Queene, and are gone downe to Dover. I suppose my Lord Pembroke will command his owne Marine regiment, and my Lord Stwart will either be a volontier or have some command.

It is past ten a clock. I am afraid the post will be gone.

I am y^{r} Losp. most obedient daughter,

A. Nottingham.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, Shene, July 5th, [1690].

I was yesterday in town, where I heard such melancholy acct^{s} of our fleet that I can't see w^{ht} in our time scarce can be hoped will

[a] William Cavendish, Earl, afterwards Duke, of Devonshire.

[b] Thomas Herbert, eighth Earl of Pembroke, First Lord of the Admiralty.

redeeme ye honor and the interest we have lost by the late action at sea, nor ye fatall consequence it may be like to be to ye nation and all Xtendom. The best acc^t^ of it y^t^ I c^d^ learn is, that our fleet did not fight, while the Duch were torn to peeces, who have lost severall of theyr best men and ships, and y^t^ we retreat toward ye Downs as fast as the wind (wch is contrary) and ye tide will bring us, and y^t^ ye French at great rate pursue us. My L^ds^ Devonshire and Pembroke are sent to ye fleet to examine these matters, but wth w^ht^ powers to mend y^m^ I know not. Ld Torrington is most miserably reproached by ye mobile, and not y^t^ I can find excused by any for his conduct; and ye letters he has sent doe but rather increase y^n^ lessen it.

We are in huge expectation from Ireland, it being ye generall opinion ye armies have fought ere this;[a] but I must confesse I doe not beleeve, for I think, if K^g^ James can possibly, he will avoid fighting, and you know 'tis not very easie, and in a countrey where there are such strong posts, to force an army to fight. I had allmost forgot to tell you w^ht^ is reported and some suspect to be true, y^t^ ye French have sent severall gallies full of landmen, wth a fleet of 20 men of war, into St. Georges Channell.

I heard it said that ye parliment is like to be adjourned but for a fortnight, and y^n^ to meet and sit, there being a necessity for a supply, pour faire roler le monde; yet I phancy, if you doe at this time presse hard for y^r^ guarrison, you may be more likely to get something for y^m^ then in a better time. I am very sorry, my Lord, to find that y^r^ paines have returned so ill on you, but I phancy y^t^ w^ht^ you say does add to ye uneasiness will abate. My son I hope does mend. He recovers his appetite and strength, but he coughs no blood.

[a] It will be remembered that the battle of the Boyne was fought on the 1st July.

The same.

My Lord, Shene, July 30th, [1690.]

I assure you I had done y^t^ matter some time since, but y^t^ I waited for a fit pretence and opportunity to doe it, wch I now took by my neighbour, S^r^ H[enry] Capell; and I think her Matie was not dissattisfied wth me in it. She was pleased to tell me, as I thought I writt to y^r^ L^p^, that, being my buisnesse wou'd not give me leave to attend it, I did very well to give it up to her hand; so she took it and put it in her pocket, I meane ye commission. I must needes own y^t^ t'was very inconvenient to my present circumstance to quit or part wth 5 or 600^li^ a yeare; yet I thank God I find so much ease by it, that yet I doe not repent mee and hope I never shall. But, if I had not quitted, truly I found I c^d^ not keep it but upon such termes as it were not worth ye having, to live, as long as this war last, allmost constantly upon it; for so I found it was expected and y^t^ I sh^d^ have bine commanded so to do, w^ch^, had I' neglected, w^d^ have suspended me, as it did, or turnd me quite out. The suspending I told y^r^ L^p^ of was but upon a pretence taken, not given, and, to deale more freely wth y^r^ L^p^, I cou'd not feare ye meane applications I found w^d^ be required of me from ye noble peer, my Ld Marlboro, to keep myself in, and ye little affronts I rec^d^ every day from ye officers who commanded there, as to one they thought they might presume to deale with for not being in y^t^ favour at Court to support me ag^st^ it. But there is another thing behind wch weighed as much and more wth me y^n^ all this, and that was, I began to find myself pressed to sign an addresse of renouncing my late master, w^ch^, however, I had sufficiently done in effect, wou'd have bine so odious an ingrattitude I despised any advantage to oblige me to, and, whoever they are that have put that a foot, I am confident have done theyr present Maties no service in.

I dont heare yet who does succeed me in ye gov^mt^, but, if the

King be returned, who I heare was expected on Tuesday at Chester,[a] we shall soon know.

My Lord, if it ben't past ye season, I beg you will give me a side of venison, baked, in 2 or 3 little pots. I wish your Lord^ps^ health.

ELIZABETH HATTON.

Augt ye 24, [1690].

Last Tuesday, my Lord, I got an order to have ye freedom of ye Tower. I went immediait thither. I thank God I found him very well in helth, and I did not return to ye Pell Mell tell this day, wch I had not come home soe sune but to meet ye D^trs^ and sirgent about my son, wch is in a very weak condition. Mr Hatton does asure me there was never anything offerd in ye least to him or proposed sence his confinem^t^. He fears he shall not be bailed. He hopes he shall have ye freedom of seeing his frends, wch as yet he hath not. If y^r^ L^dpps^ could obtain that favor, it would be to his satisfaction. As for anything elce, he beleives it is to noe purpose for y^r^ L^dpps^ to give y^r^self ye trouble as yet to endeavor. He gives his most humble servis to y^r^ Ld^pps^, my Lady. Sence I came to ye Tower her hath com to or 3 frends, but I suppose it will be forbid if any more should come, they hereing I had an order, wch maid them conclude he had ye freedom of seeing his frends. If I did in ye least know that anything had been propose to Mr Hatton, I doe asure y^r^ Ld^pps^ I would let y^u^ know. My humble servis to my Lady and y^r^ Ld^pps^.

I am y^r^ Ld^pps^ most faithfull, humble serv^t^,

E. HATTON.

My servis to my sister Hatton.

[a] William remained in Ireland till September.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, London, Sep^br^ 6, [1690.]

I have had so much concern ab^t^ my sons being wounded at a duell wth ye Major of ye Guards, Will Mathews, y^t^ really I forget if I have told you of it. They fought at Fulham. My son was run through ye thigh, and tis a very great wound, but I hope ye worst is over and he is in a faire way to recover. He came hither, after he was drest upon ye place, in a coach; but bled all ye way. There is no letters from Ireland since Wednesday. One from ye Secretary of War there to Mr Blath[wayt] is much talked of by that post, for it seemes to intimate y^t^ ye seige w^d^ be raised[a] and y^t^ ye weather was so bad they feared they c^d^ not bring of ye great gunns; but all other letters say they were preparing for another assault, wch we waite wth some doubt of ye successe of, for now we heare of a very strong guarrison, as y^t^ there are 4000 gentlemen in ye town, whom ye K^g^ has excepted as to theyr estates, besides 2000 French; and truly so it seemes, by ye defence they make, that they are strong and desperate.

Charles Hatton to his Wife.

Novr 11, [16]90.

I am very sorry, my dearest, y^t^ y^r^ son Robin continues soe very ill. God grant he may receive benefit by the advice of ye new surgeon. But, my dearest, I fear my threats will prove more effectual then I designed; for I told thee in jest if thou did pass Sunday thou shou'dst be shut out, wch is likely to prove true in earnest, for ye hungry head jaylor here is soe greedy of his pretended fee he growes every day more and more barbarous and vexatious. Had he been educated at Ambonia, he cou'd not be more merciless. And finding y^t^ noe person will take notice of his extravagant usage of me, he is ye more encouraged therto.

[a] The siege of Limerick was already raised on the 29th August.

Worthy Mr Ennis, who being turned out of his living here for not swearing and therfore not capacitated to exercise his ecclesiastick function in his own country, Scotland, is this weeke going to try whither he cannot more quietly live among ye heathens in America, and last Sunday in ye afternoon came to take leave of me, and brought wth him Mr Sawyer, who came to renew y^t^ 2d time I saw him ye promise he made me ye first time I ever did, wch is to be bayle for me. But on Monday morning came gingle-key, by his masters order, foaming at ye warder for leting any person come to me, and charged him he shou'd let noebody come at me.

Certainly I shall be either tryed or bayled. If tryed, it is a strang outlandish barbarity not practic'd heretofore in England not to have ye advise of counsell to prepare for a defence, and, in order therto, to advise wth y^m^. I am certain, in ye Popish plot all ye prisoners had, some considerable time before their tryal, ye freedom of having their freinds and councell come to them.

If I be bayled, it is very reasonable I shou'd endeavour to find out some persons who are willing to doe me y^t^ kindness, and ag^t^ whom ther can be noe exception; and y^t^ I find very difficult; and prithee, my dearest, doe you endeavour w^t^ you can to find out some, for, tho very probably I shall not have occasion for them, yet it wou'd be very vexatious to want them shou'd ther be occasion.

I am very much concern'd my brother Hatton shou'd for his health be forced out of town. Both for his sake and my own, I wish you cou'd contrive some way to acquaint my brother wth my distress and prevaile wth him to endeavour to get his son in law to stop ye mouth of ye hungry cur here, for I cannot doe it wth a crust, it wou'd be too costly.

My cloak transformed in a coat is too thinn for this cold place. Pray let ye linning of ye cloake be sent to ye taylor to interline ye coat. The buttons are as you ordred, and therfore you may be secure they please me, and I assure you they doe without any compliment; but, if they did not, I durst not find fault, wch I know you will beleeve.

A dieu, my dearest. If you come alone, you are welcome; but more, if wth liberty of my seeing my freinds.

If that honest Scot, Mr. Ennis (whose integrity is a disgrace to most Englishmen of his coate), comes to bid you farewell, pray acknowledge his kindness to me, y^r^self, and y^r^ son.

Elizabeth Hatton.

[12 Nov., 1690.]

I would have waited on y^r^ Ld^shpps^, but that I had not ye conveniency of a coach. I am hartily sory to here ye ill news of y^r^ Ld^pps^ ill helth. I have received a letter from Mr Hatton to send to y^r^ Ld^pps^. My Lord Lucus doth y^use^ Mr Hatton wth great unkindness. A Sunday last one Mr Ennes came to take his leave, for he was goeing for Barbadoes, and brought wth him Mr Sawyer of Kettering, a barrister of law, who offers himself to be baile. My Lord Lucus, being informed therewith, sent a repremand to ye warder for letting any person goe to him. After he hath petition for a triall, and 5 months close imprisonme^t^, to be deprived to advise wth counsell is very hard and never was done before. I beg y^r^ Ld^pps^, and soe doe Mr H., that y^u^ would be pleased to move for more liberty. I suppose y^r^ Ld^pps^ hath herd how angrey my Ld Lucus was for my Ld Salsbury coming to dine wth Mr Hatton, tho my L^d^ first went to my Ld Lucus; he not being at home, sent to ye Deputy. He was not at home. He called Major Hally, and he staid wth them tell my L^d^ went away. Yet his Ld^pps^ was in a great raig, and then forbid any to come to Mr Hatton. I beg once more of y^r^ Ld^pps^ that he may not be yoused wth this severity. Y^e^ inclosed I desire y^r^ Ld^pps^ to return. Mr H. desires y^r^ Ld^pps^ to send to sound M^r^

Atturn[ey] Gen[eral] and ye Solicitor, to know there intentions how they will proseed. Y^r^ Ld^pps^ was pleased to promis y^u^ would. He shall be in distress of baile. I hope y^r^ Ld^pps^ will be pleased to procure him sum, for now in a few days he will have ocation for them, for there names must be sent to Mr Arosmith, to see how he aproves of them. Mr Hatton ordered me to writ to y^r^ Ld^pps^ yesterday, and this morning he hath writ to yr Ld^pps^. Perhapps he hath writ this to y^r^ Ld^pps^; but I cannot tell wheather he hath or not makes me give y^r^ Ld^pps^ this troubell. My very humble servis to my Lady, my sister Hatton, and prety Miss.

I am y^r^ Ld^pps^ most faithfull servant,

E. HATTON.

THE COUNTESS OF NOTTINGHAM.

Y^e^ 3^d^ of March, [1691].

I am very glad to heare y^r^ Losp. and all ye company gott so well to Maidwell, wch I was so forgetfull not to thinke you were there but sent my letter to Kirby, wch made it longer before it gott to you. My Ld Finch [a] has writ a letter to my sister Betty, wch I hope she has recievid. Hear is a most dismal story of my Ld Salisberys two brothers [b] who he sent into France. They were at St. Germains, and lay in a room together and quarreld, tis not yet known for what, but rise out of bed and tooke there swords, and fought, tell they both fell dwone, wch was heared in room under them. They that were there run up to there chamber door, wch they found fastend, but, forcing it open, found them weltring in thier blood and craling to ask one another pardon. Tis sayed there was little hopes that either could recover. Some letters say the eldest was already dead, tho

[a] Her son Daniel.

[b] They were William and, probably, George Cecil, younger sons of James, third Earl of Salisbury.

wone cannot say this is certain; there are so manny letters that speake of it y^t^ there relations are fearfull it is too true.

Sr Edward Villars is to be a Viscount,[a] but wither English or no I cant tell. I begg the favour of y^r^ Losp. to give my hum^ble^ dutty to my Lady. I am y^r^ Losp. most obedient duttyfull daughter,

A. NOTTINGHAM.

CHARLES HATTON.

March 5, [16]9$\frac{9}{4}$.

I have, my Lord, been soe unfortunate y^t^ I cou'd not possibly dispatch my business this weeke, but I doubt not but y^e^ next weeke by y^e^ Oundle coach to waite on y^r^ Lo^ppe^.

I wase yesterday at Mr Ashmoles. Both he and Mrs Ashmole are very ill. They give their humble service to y^r^ Lo^ppe^, and, had any of ye layers of his arbutus taken root, I had sent you some; for he ordred his gardener to dig y^m^ up, wch he did in my presence, but noe one layer had any root. He gave me some of ye fruit dryed, wch he sath if sown will grow. I have sent y^m^ (in a box of toies wch my wife sends to my nephews and neices), and wth y^m^ some of ye great hawes, and also some of ye Rhodia Radix wch must be planted in a pot. And I have likewise sent 3 little bundles of grafts of peare trees, much commended by Mr Ashmole. They were cut of of standard trees. No. 1, an excellent peare to eat raw. No. 2, a very good baking peare and a great bearer. He calls it ye ladies on [own?] thigh. No. 3, ye Ashmole peare, some of wch have weighed 20 ounces. It is an excellent baking peare. W^th^ those grafts are 2 bundles of grafts of his famous great haw tree, wch must be grafted on white or blacke thorne and will doe very well to be planted in y^r^ wilderness.

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C. HATTON.

[a] Sir Edward Villiers, created Baron Villiers of Hoo and Viscount Villiers of Dartford, 20 March, 1691.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, Shene, May ye 30th, [1691].

Y^e^ prorogation lookes like an intention of a new parlim^t^. The new AB^p^[a] sent to ye old one to leave Lambeth to him, that he might be consecrated there; to wch ye old answered, he sh^d^ make use of his chappell himself on Sunday, to give ye sacrament; and I am told for certaine he is resolved not to quitt his house till they force him out of it; but I am w^th^all told he meanes, when they come to thrust him violently out, to leave it himself, and two servants in it to keep the possession, and ye doores lockt. The B^p^ of London refused to consecrate him too.

The same.

My Lord, Shene, June 18th, [1691].

I came home from Chester on Tuesday. I saw ye fleet pass by ye Wash on Friday and Satturday, and 13 on Munday, wch I suppose were going after y^m^. I heare ye French lye so in the bay at Belisle y^t^, if they will not come out, our fleet will find it very difficult to goe into them and force them to fight us.

The campagne has opened successfully in Ireland by ye taking of Ballimore by storm.[b] There is little from Flanders, as I heare, yet, but I must tell you of w^ht^ I heare lately happened. Y^e^ K^g^ ordred a great detachment, and a generall officer to command it, to forrage. Y^e^ officer refused to go, as below his post. Y^e^ K^g^ brought it to ye councill of war. Y^e^ councill advised the officer had reason, and that there was no practisse or president that such a party had bine commanded by more y^n^ Lt Coll: or Coll. The King told y^m^ he w^d^ make a president himself, and did so, for he commanded ye party in person.

[a] Tillotson, who superseded Sancroft on the 23rd April.

[b] On the 7th June.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, London, Novr 19th, [1691].

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The spotted feavor has bine in my mother Fairfax's family at Steeton, and carried of my sister Bladen [a] and severall of ye servants; and her husband and children had it, but they recovered. He is not like to be so soon quit of my Lord Carmarthens persecution, wch ruine him and his.

The H. of Coms have passd ye bill for trialls in treason, that ye prisoner be allowd copie of his charges, councell, and wittnesses sworn in his behalf. This was much opposed by ye Attorney Genll [b] and supported by Mr Finch and most of his robe.

They have voted 1,600,000li for ye navy and passd ye bill of Additionall Excise. However, there seemes to be no great forwardnesse in the House for ye supplyes. They wd not consider of yt for ye army, till they have more sattisfaction how ye Kg intends to dispose of the forces; and I beleeve ye bill they are upon, concerning ye musters, will not at all be acceptable to him, because it will highly disgust all ye forces and render ye commands allmost impracticable, if there be not great amendmts to ye bill. There is great expectation whispered of a project of peace, and in it to allow Kg James a pention for life and ye P. of Wales tittle after King William's. I have told you news enough and more yn, it may be, is true; yet there is a greate deale more, as yt the peace with ye Turk is like to be concluded, that ye Emperor is dead or dying, yt Teckely [c] is beaten at ye releife of Warradin. Ye frigot supposed to be lost got of and come home.

[a] Isabella, daughter of Sir William Fairfax of Steeton, and sister of Lyttelton's first wife. She was married to Nathaniel Bladen, of Hemsworth, barrister.

[b] Sir George Treby.

[c] Emeric Tekeli, the Hungarian chief.

There is a pamphlet lately come forth mitily sought after, and ye printer and author; tis stiled Y^e^ Royall Martyr. 'Tis odds it has bine sent you as well as to others; for I heare it has bin generally dispersd.

Sir Edmund King.

My Lord, [2nd Jan. 1692.]

My being out of my bed 2 nights together wth Mr Boyle,[a] who's death I foretold the first day he complaind of an alteration, wch was Tuesday; and that day I tolde my Ld Rochester and others of his friends and desir'd an other physician to be sent for, wch was y^t^ night; and at 10, as I told yor L^p^, I was sent for to be in the house all night, but did not let him kno it, for fear of surprizing him (he was up all Tuesday). Wednesday morn was much better, but exceeding low and faint; would rise in the afternoon, and at 5 we met and desir'd him to goe to bed at 7. Dr Stockholm[b] was to sit up; but at 10 or 11 he grew worss, so that my Lord Ranalough and Lady Thanet Dowager, etc., was sent for, and they sent for me. I was just hot in my bed, after something I had taken for my great colde; and, tho' I had not a graine of hope he would live till I came, yet, considering it was the last attempt I could make to serve won who for many years past had great affection for me and rely'd under God, as he often told me, upon my care, I was resolv'd to goe to him. It was one a clock in the night; but he was dead before I cam. His lamp went out for want of oyle; soe did his sister's too. He was buried last night at St. Martin's, and lyes by his sister.[c] The Bishop of Salisburie preachd his funerall

[a] The famous Robert Boyle.

[b] Dr. William Stokeham.

[c] Catherine, daughter of Richard, Earl of Cork, and wife of Arthur, Viscount Ranelagh.

sermon, and gave a large and true character becoming so great a man as he was, and whos 2d in universall knowledge, etc., 'twill be hard to finde. The Bishop saide he had a conversation wth him the better part of 29 years; but mine has been above 30 years, and, the last 10 or 12, not 4 days together from him, if in towne. It would make me look vaine to relate his affectionate expressions to me. He has been kept alive, by God's blessing, upon the dint of care severall years, to a woonder. But I aske yor Lordps pardon for being soe long upon this subject. Seeing the subject will bear it, I hope you'l excuse it.

I suppose yor Lordp has heard of the barbarous murder of Dr Clinch.[a] He liv'd in Browlow street in Holborn. Monday night last about 9 at night, 2 men came in a hacknie coach to call him to won not well; but he was not at home, and they said they'd come againe. About 10 the same night they came to the end of the street, and sent the coachman for him. He, poor man, tooke his cloak and went to them into the coach; they bid the coachman drive to the Py wthout Algate. But, as soone as they had him, they began their villanies; for his hat was found in the street near Barnards Inn, and we believe he was soon dead. And ther, to blind the coachman, they enquir'd for a man ther near Aldgate noebody knew. By this time the dead man began to be colde and stiffish, yt they was sure he was dead. When they cam back as far as Leaden Hall street, they call'd the coachman and gave him 3s 6d to buye 2 pulletts for supper. The man gott them quickly, and, when he cam back, ther was only ye Dr dead and allmost colde; the murderors gon.

About 14 days since, 2 huffing men cam at night for me in a hack; but I was abroad. They came a 2d time and was angrie I was not at home. Then my wife sent them word they had best get another Dr, (ther's enow,) for she beleivd, if I did com home, I

[a] Dr. Andrew Clenche, for whose murder Henry Harrison was tried and hanged.

would not goe wth them, nor should not if she could helpe it; soe they went away much out of humour.

But, before this, I escap'd an eminent danger of ye kinde, I bless God, wch has stuck by me ever since. But this of Dr Clinch is a terrible thing. It was reported in the cittie it was me, to the great concern of many of my friends; but my coach being in ye cittie y^t^ morning gave them another acc^t^, wch was too true. My [L^d^] Falconberge cam to my house himselfe and severall others.

Since I writ this, we are inform'd those taken upon suspition are the very persons y^t^ murdered him; one Harison especially.

Just now the D^rs^ wife and the Vice-president of the Colledg send to me to com in my gown to assist wth him at the pall this Satterday night. I am not well, yet intend to goe, to pay the last respect to him.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

London, Jan. 9th, [1692].

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Mr Robt Boyl was buried at St. Martins, on Thursday, in ye same grave wth his sister Ranelagh. He was not sick above 3 houres, but s^d^ his heart was broke when she died. The B^p^ of Salisbury preached his funerall sermon, at wch there was a mighty crowd.

There is an odd report goes that, when Lady Ranelagh lay dying, there was a flame broke out of one of ye chimneys, wch being observed by ye neighbours gave notice of it, and, the chimney being looked [into], there was no cause found for it in ye inside, yet appeared to flame for som time to those w^thout; and ye same thing happened when Mr Boyl died; but ye B^p^, by ye way, men-

tioned nothing of it in his sermon, but abundance of ye flames of his charrity.

I can say little to w^ht^ you have heard more y^n^ that I had ye report of it concerning Lady Fran: There are many ways proposed to raise ye money, but none yet that will do it, if agreed to, and makes some think will therefore conclude in an excise upon meate &c.

THE SAME.

MY GOOD LORD, London, Jan. ye 28th, [1692].

I acknowledg ye noble kind offer you make me of y^r^ house at Maidwell wth all the thankes in ye world, tho' I am not like to receive the benefit by it you intended me; for I beleeve I shall have some businesse will oblige me to stay here some time after I leave Shene, wch wont be till ye later end of Ap^ll^, and Hagley, I think, is much as it was in repaire when you were at it; so y^t^, after my rate of living is like to be there, there will need little to do but furnish it, wch I have but too much of. As to my pictures, I have a good many of Sr Peter Lillyes, wch I am told will not yeeld neer w^ht^ they cost; and I doubt those of more esteeme will not be very ready money, unlesse mitily undersold, at this time, because there are so many auctions, as the Duke of Norfolks and others, of ye best collections.

But these are not all he has a mind to part w^th^, for there is scarce anything talked of but his endeavoring to be divorced from his wife,[a] and w^ht^ ye wittnesses have sworn in ye Lords House ab^t^ her

[a] Henry, seventh Duke of Norfolk, married Mary, daughter of Henry Mordaunt, Earl of Peterborough. He did not obtain a divorce till the year 1700. She afterwards married Sir John Germain, Bart.

amours wth Mr Germain. To morrow she is there to make her defence, wch she must have a great deale of assurance to be able in person to do, as I heare she intends, and has bine once there allready to give em a pritty good essay. She is not over bashfull where her honor and innocence are at stake. I don't know if you have heard that Mr Germain is ye supposed bastard of ye K^g^ William's father, as is Monsr de Lawn another, who is ye Queens secretary. The K^g^ was all day at ye Lords house a Tuesday to heare ye evidence at ye Lords House; and 'tis s^d^ ye K^g^ and Q. have expressed a great deale of warmth for ye Duke. But she has a strong party in ye House however, and y^t^ of ye Court faction to support her. My Ld Nottingham is ag^st^ her.

We have no news from abroad, and I beleeve ye ports are froze up. Some thing may be expected, when they are open from this hard frost.

My Ld Churchill's disgrace has yet made no great change but in ye disposal of his places; nor has it had any consequence to his b^rs^, but that one of y^m^ who was cornet to ye troop is made 1st L^t^.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Feb. ye 9th, [1692].

W^ht^ you seeme not to heare of ab^t^ ye reason of Ld Marlboro: disgrace I thought I had given you a good acc^t^ of, beeause it all came from Ld Carmarthen, Ld Nottingham, and Ld Mar: himself; and all agreed in this, that ye K^g^, besides other things of high misdemeanor, said he had held correspondence wth K^g^ James. I suppose you know Ld Twaddale is Chan: of Scotland, who made ye D. Hamilton ye complim^t^ to desire he might receive his com^n^ from his hand, as Presid^t^ of ye Councill, and at the same time making him a visit; this condescention he choosing ye rather to make, as 'tis said,

because he w^d^ avoid chocquing him, because he affected that honor for himself. He did indeed, the next day, call the Councill together; but did not come himself, nor has he bine there since, and they say has expressd his discontent other[wise] and bin at theyr conventicles, for such they will yet have, tho' the presbittery be settled in all the churches.

Something is the matter. The K^g^ is ill satisfied wth ye Assembly; and there is an order gon down to breake it up, wch some think will put the rigid party into a flame and beget some disorder in ye kingdom. The Ld Norfolks bill was againe upon the tapis to-day; but I can give you no acc^t^ of it, but that I heard y^t^ 2 of his wittnesses were prooved perjured in ye L^ds^ House at this triall. Last night there was a great ball at Kensington, and, after, ye French made a great supper in ye Kings eating room for as many as c^d^ sitt at it, and in another room wine and bread for every body la mode de Versalles. I do think of sending my pictures to Mr Walton's,[a] for, if I dont sell them wth ye house, wch I dont expect, I shant know where to put them.

The same.

My Lord, Shene, March 7th, [1692].

I have y^rs^ upon y^r^ return from Maidwell, and am glad you have so good reason still to like y^r^ purchasse. In a letter I lately had from y^r^ L^p^, you said something by way of caution to my dealing wth Mr Walton, wch pray, my Lord, be a little more plaine wth mee. Have you had any experience of his not dealing fairly wth you? For I have bine advised and know not who to trust better in y^e^

[a] Parry Walton, keeper of the pictures to James II.

disposal of my pictures. Y^e^ method I use wth him: I send y^m^ to a house closs by him, for he has not room in his own, it is allready so full, and there he cleanes them and mends w^ht^ is worn or torn; and, after, I am to get a couple of painters who, together wth himself, appraise y^m^; wch appraisem^t^ the 2 painters set theyr hands to ye list of; and then they will be exposed in an auction, but such as will be privately bought. And one I sold so here a Satturday, wch was a half length of Antonio Mores drawing, for 30^li^. My ink is so bad I can scarce make it doe. Y^t^ picture was crackt quite through and on ye side of ye face, wch made it 10^li^ ye wors.

I have a very good copy, wch you may remember to have seen upon my staires, of Ch: ye 1st upon ye white hors. Y^e^ originall is Vandike and ye copy Remee. If I had y^r^ hall or a good staire case to put it, I sh^d^ not be tempted to sell it. If you know anybody it will fit, pray tell em of it; 50^li^ will be ye lowest price of it.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Shene, March 13, [1692].

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One writt me word last night y^t^ my Fort Major was sent up by my Lt Govr wth a gentleman he arrested at Sherenesse, who brought him a message from K^g^ James and Q. Mary and a key, w^ch^, being unscrewed, had a letter in it to him, as ye man told him. But he did not unscrew ye key, so saw not ye letter, but sent it up to my Ld Shrewsbury wth ye gentleman prisoner; and this is all I know of it as yet.

The same.

My Lord, Shene, March 15, [1692].

Since Thursday I rec[d] a letter from C[apt?] Crawford, giving me a more particular acc[t] of y[e] bringing him y[e] message and letter in y[e] key, w[ch] was pretended to be from Q. Mary in France. The man, w[th] y[e] greatest seeming secrecy in y[e] world, told him privately he had a letter from her to him, w[ch] he imediately so rated him he was mitily surprized, and just as he was going to committ him he urged him to take y[e] letter, w[ch] he s[d] he need not scruple, it was so privately done up in y[e] pipe of a key. But y[n] he calld in out of y[e] next room to see and heare w[ht] was offred him and w[ht] he had done to resent it, and, when he saw he w[d] commit him, y[n] he pulld out a passe or gen[ll] protection from my L[d] Sh[rewsbury], w[ch] Crawford s[d] sh[d] serve him from being used like a rogue, as he deserved, but not from being a prisoner; and so he sent up y[e] key and letter in it unscrewd to my L[d] Sh., begging y[t], when his Ma[tie] had inquired into it and was sattisfied, he might be righted. Y[e] man told him soon after that, as he had resented y[e] thing, it might doe him y[e] greatest right imaginable, for y[e] King, he said, saw y[e] key and letter and sent him down to try him &c.

Crawford[a] is chose a member of parlim[t].

[a] Robert Crawford, M.P. for Queenborough.

Charles Hatton.

Pell-Mell, April 10, [16]92.

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The only news we have yet heard is y^{t} great preparations are making to send forces to Guernsey and Jersey, and y^{t} engineers are going thither to fortify those islands, whereof some of ye cheifest officers are to be made governors, as ye common report is; wch I thought fit to hint to y^{r} Lo^{pp}, who will, I assure myself, receive a more perfect and fuller account then I can give.

Harrison is condemned for ye murder of Dr Clinch. All provisions here are very dear. A loaf of bread, wch used to cost but 9 pence, costs now 12^{d}. Mutton ye best is 5^{d} ye pound. Beef 3^{d}. This is news more welcome to those who live in ye country then to them who are forced to be in town.

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C. Hatton.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

Ap^{ll} 18th, [1692].

It may be, you have not heard y^{t} my Ld Monmth layd a wager in a coffee house before he went away (wch was but yesterday), as they say, for Guernesey, 40^{li} to 10 that ye French w^{d} make a descent here before we made any in France. Whither this have given more ground for this allarum, or ye coming over of severall persons lately from K^{g} James, who have spread abroad y^{t} report, nay, that he is actually embarqued wth an army of 30000, whereof 8000 are hors,

and Mareshall Belfond[a] to command y^m^ under him, I cannot tell; but 'tis in every ones thought and mouth, there is like to be an attempt of landing an army, and y^t^ very soon. And to make it more practicall, all ye forrain gazetts speake of a great army upon ye coast of Normandy, and that the French fleet is allready joynd and out. Ours is, in ye meane time, very sickly, and wanting many thousands of their complim^t^ to man them. Y^e^ K^g^ is expected too here very suddenly. The exchecquor shut up yet. There went away to-day 12 collonells for Flanders. L^d^ colchester,[b] it's said to-day, is taken coming over from thence in ye Crown frigot wth others. I heare y^r^ L^p^ has a letter sent you from ye Councill to hasten to y^r^ command, wch I wish y^r^ L^ps^ health were such you c^d^ readily obey.

I have made but a poor market at ye auction and not sold above 5 or 6 pictures.

S^r^ Ch: Hairo y^t^ commands the regim^t^ of Guards is killd by Collonell Hodges in Flanders.

The same.

London, May 3^d^, [1692].

I had y^r^ L^ps^ and give you many thanks for ye acc^t^ you are pleasd to give mee of y^e^ ſayres, wch is little encouragem^t^ to send to y^m^; besides we are so allarumd ab^t^ ye French that I have no mind to lay out my mony till y^t^ be over, for they tell us K^g^ James has bin twice abord ye French fleet and put out to sea and driven back by ill weather, not w^th^out great damage to his transport ships and losse of men. We have now 80 sayle, ye Duch quota being come wth Ld Portland, who came last night, ready, and orders to go to ye westward; and tis my poor opinion ye French won't think it advizeable to try theyr fortune a 3^d^ time, when there is such a fleet to trouble y^m^. Here is every night such breakeing of houses, and in y^t^ bold

[a] Bernardin Gigault, Marquis de Bellefonds.

[b] Thomas Savage, Viscount Colchester, son of Thomas, Earl Rivers.

manner, as if wee lived in a state of war. My Ld Dovers, ye last night; and severall of his servants bound and wounded.

I wish y^{r} L^{p} better health.

THE SAME.

May 5th, [16]92.

Yesterday my L^{ds} Huntington and Malborough were both seized, and, after being examined at Councill, sent to ye Tower. Ferguson was seized to night and sent, too, to ye Tower. There are warrants out for a great many: L^{ds} Scarsdeale,[a] Lichfield,[b] Griffith[c] and his son, who all absent themselves. The guards are doubled and hors centinells set at all ye avenues to Whitehall. Y^{e} Traind Bands, 2 companies every night in armes. The allarum is very hot of ye French coming; but I am not of opinion they can land, if ye fleet we have out do theyr parts, as I think cant be doubted.

It's said ye Princess will be confined.

THE SAME.

Shene, May 10th, [1692].

I have y^{r} L^{ps} of ye 7th. I went to town yesterday ab^{t} some buisnesse, els I had not gon out of my cell; for I am, my L^{d}, of y^{r} advise in such times. 'Tis best to keepe closse, yet not lye hid, as I allmost think some do that they may be looked after, and who els w^{d} not. However it is, 'tis a very jealous time, but tis w^{ht} I wonder at I confesse y^{t} people of such different principles, and one w^{d} think interests, should be jumbled together under ye same prejudice as papists, Ferguson, and they say Oates too; and y^{t} those noblemen and great officers in ye army as stuck by K^{g} James sh^{d} now joyn to consult and ingage theyr lives and fortunes wth ye Ld Malborough

[a] Robert Leke, third Earl of Scarsdale. [b] Edward Henry Lee, Earl of Lichfield.
[c] A slip of the pen for Griffin.

and other officers of ye army, who once so traiterously deserted him, of wch there are s^d^ to be a great many of them who are allready secured, and warrants out for others; ye B^ps^ of Rochester [a] who is confined to his house wth a messenger, Bath and Wells [b] sent for.

My Ld Feversham was sent for and told y^t^, by reason of ye great obligations he had rec^d^ from K^g^ James, ye gov^mt^ c^d^ not be sattisfied wth his conduct, unlesse he w^d^ retire into Holland till ye storme was over. I heare his answer was y^t^ he had given no ground to give ye gov^mt^ any reall ombrage; y^t^ he had much buisnesse here, both of ye Queenes his M^rs^ and his own; and y^t^ he resolved not to banish himself, but claimd his right of a peer and subject. My Ld Fanshaw brought his habeas corpus yesterday and had it; but, when he came to ye Hall, the judg told him he was charged wth high treason and he c^d^ not be bailed, so went back to ye Tower. I heard yesterday my Ld Exeter is sent for in custody.

I have but one little hors, but if I had 2, and I dare not buy one for feare of being thought to do so for w^ht^ I little think of, I w^d^ go neer to be wth you for a few days at Kirby, and so slip down to Hagley, to put matters a little to rights there before I remove wth my little family, wch I design to do as soon as we can dispose of w^ht^ we have yet left here. But I have some doubt, if I were there now, I might be more unquiet y^n^ I am here. Our fleetes and ye Duch are joynd, and a great fleet it is; and probably, if the French will venture it, there may be a battle in few days. 'Tis a strong east wind to keep y^m^ back and to carry us on theyr coast. I heard ye K^g^ will be here in a few days. I wish y^r^ L^p^ health and ye nation peace and ye prottestant religion.

I heard L^ds^ Macklesfield and Mountague refused to sign Ld Mallbo: warrant for his committment. He is s^d^ to be kept closs prisoner, but his lady has got leave to be lock'd up wth him, tho it's s^d^ he sent to her not to ask it, but to stay wth the P^sse^ and take her fortune. Her Hig^ss^ has but a melancholy court at Sion.

[a] Thomas Sprat.

[b] Thomas Kenn, the deprived Bishop.

Charles Hatton.

May 17, [16]92.

This day, my L^{d}, a proclamation is come forth signifying y^{t}, ye fleet being out and all things soe well prepared ag^{t} ye publick enemy, it is thought fit to prorogue ye parliament to ye 14th of June. The rencounter I told y^{r} Lo^{ppe} of in my last betwixt ye Ld Thanet and Ld Clare [a] wase very true; but ye Ld Thanet wase not hurt in ye thigh but shoulder, and wth parrying wth their left hands ye thrusts ye hands of both ye lords were cut. But it is said my Ld Thanet, before company came in and parted y^{m}, had his sword ag^{t} ye Ld Clare breast, but very generously wou'd not thrust home. Ld Yarmouth is sent to ye Tower and his lady is wth him. The Ld Middleton, Ld Dunmore, and Sr Andrew Forrester (all 3 in ye proclamation) were seized yesterday. My wife and self are to y^{r} Lo^{ppe}, Lady Hatton, and all at Kirby most faithfull and very humble servants.

C. Hatton.

It will be time to watch the ripening of ye seeds of ye broad leaf elme.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, Shene, May 21th, [1692].

It was everybodys talk yesterday, when I came out of town, ye fleetes were ingaged or w^{d} be so before they parted, being in sight one of other at ye Isle of Wight; and my Ld Monmouth, who is arrived from Jersey wthout leave, brought that acc^{t}; and y^{t} the French, wth ye transport ships wth 24000 foot and 3000 hors, w^{d} be readie to put to sea and endeavor to land, when ye fleets were ingaged; but I can't think how that can be practicable y^{t} they sh^{d} be readie to time it so.

[a] Thomas Tufton, sixth Earl of Thanet; and John Holles, Earl of Clare, afterwards Duke of Newcastle.

Charles Hatton.

May 31, [16]92.

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We have yet noe certaine particulars of ye great victory obtained at sea over ye French.[a] Mr Trenchard, who wase at Kirby, says his brother, who is wth Capt^ne^ Clousely Shovel, sath the capt^ne^ hath had one of his buttocks shot of and is dangerously sick of a feavour.

The forreign letters say Great Wurradin is taken. Everybody is full of exspectation w^t^ success ye seige of Namurs will have. The letters from Flanders say ye French are lodgd on ye counterscarp; but ye confederat army are hastening to releive it, and ye greatest business on ye Exchange is wagering y^t^ by this time ye releif hath been attempted.[b]

The bells here have of late rung changes. Last Sunday we had a great ringing for ye happy restauration, wch wase observed wth a most surprising solemnity; and it is much disputed whither ther wase most jangling in ye steeples or pulpitts.

Here are severall new bookes come over. A most noble edition of Diogenes Laertius in 2 voll., 4to.[c] The lesser paper, wch is very good, is 30 shillings; ye imperial paper, 3^ll^. Madam D'Acier hath translated Aristophanes,[d] and it is much admired; it is 3^sh^ price. The first part of ye 22nd tome of ye Bibliotheque Universelle[e] is come over, and ye Histoire des Ouvrages des Sçavans[f] to February last.

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

[a] In the battle of La Hogue, on the 19th and 23rd of May.

[b] The town surrendered after an eight days' siege; but the citadel held out for three weeks longer.

[c] The Amsterdam edition.

[d] Madame Dacier translated the Plutus and the Clouds in 1684, but nothing else of Aristophanes.

[e] "Bibliothèque Universelle et Historique," in 25 vols. Amsterdam, 1686-1693.

[f] The Journal des Sçavans.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

London, June 16th, [1692].

Yesterday morning ye prisoners in ye Tower were brought upon theyr habeas corpus to ye Kgs Bench, and gave baile for each 4 severall men. My Ld Marlborow had Ld Hallifax, Carbery,[a] Shrewsbury, and Mr Boyle; but it was but for 6000li. The Lords who were not prisoners and others who removed themselves gave baile at ye Ch. Justice chamber. My Lord Lich: gave in 15000li baile; and there were some Lords, as Ld Midleton, Huntington, Dunmore,[b] Sr And: Forrester, sent back to ye Tower, Aron Smith having given oath he had evidence agst them, wch he sd he was not readie to produce; but, tho' he were asked by ye court and ye councill for ye prisoners why they were not readie and if they were sick or beyond sea, no answer was made; and how many wittnesses there were, and whither they were evidence agst all, to wch there was no answer made. But ye court, after consulting the act, thought fit to send ym back, wch some talk much of, especially for my Ld Huntington being a peer, and ye parlimt, as it were, sitting. The officers of ye army yt were baild were, after, sent for by my Ld Lemster[c] and confined wth a guard upon them; and so continue, it's said, till they have bine tried by a court marshall and cashiered.

There was a talk to night that there has bine some men landed lately in Scotland, and that Marquis de Crequy is wth ym. They expect to heare of a battle in Flanders; tho' I heard one yt has, I think, pritty good intelligence say that both armyes are unwilling to ingage. God direct all for ye best.

Tuesday come sennight I hope to be gone.

[a] John Vaughan, thrd Earl of Carberry.

[b] John Murray, first Earl of Dunmore.

[c] Sir William Fermor, created Lord Lempster in April of this year.

Charles Hatton.

This is an account sent from a considerable officer who wase in ye action, and is confirmed by severall letters, in wch are ye names of more officers kill'd then are herein mentioned.

" Lembech nere Nostredame de Hall, 3 leagues from Brussells, July 25, 1692. O. S.

" Yesterday, ab^t^ 4 of ye clocke, his Matie ordred ye march of o^r^ army to ye left towards Enguien, 3 leagues from hence, in order to attacque ye French in their camp, where it happened y^t^ Monsr Luxemburg had ordered ye greatest part of his infantry to advance and line ye hedges of many enclosures nere ye way we were to march; and it wase betwixt 8 and 9 of ye clocke in ye morning when o^r^ vanguard charg'd y^m^. Ther wase briske work on both sides, o^r^ pass being very narrow, so y^t^, as o^r^ men advanced, ye gen^ll^ [a] drew y^m^ to ye r^t^ and left, to gain w^t^ ground he cou'd to make head ag^t^ ye French. We were upon ye offensive part, and were forc'd to gain o^r^ ground by inches, and ye engagem^mt^ held very furious till ab^t^ 7 in ye evening, when ye King, seeing y^t^ o^r^ horse cou'd not advance to charge, ordered o^r^ retreat, wch wase in pretty good order and without very great loss during o^r^ retreat. This day's worke fell hard on ye English and Scotch.[b] The second battalion of ye English Guards lost 4 parts in 5 of their men. Both ye Warcupps, Coll. Hamilton (ye son of James Hamilton), Coll. Colthrop, Coll. Eden, Coll. Bristow, Capt Sherlock, Kendler Stroud, wth half ye subalternes, are killed. Coll. Stanley (brother to ye Earle of Derby) is wounded. Coll. Mackay killed. The Ld Montjoy and ye Earle of Angus killed or taken. Sr Rob. Douglass, Coll. Lauther, Coll. Hodges, Coll. Francis Hawley of ye dragoons, Lt Coll. Harleston, Maj^r^ Keith, are all kill'd, with about 200 captains and subalterns and ab^t^ 6000 men, besides officers of note whose names

[a] Count Solmes commanded the British troops.

[b] Five regiments were cut to pieces.

are not herein mentioned, most English and Scotch; ye Dutch suffering very little, haveing but little share in this honorable action.

"The French galled us mightily wth their cannon, we having but few cannon come up by reason of ye ill wayes. In this action we lost some few peices of cannon, ye horses being kill'd wch shou'd have drawn y^m^ of. We hope ye French have lost much more then we.[a] The ground wase soe bad ye gen^ll^ cou'd not ride to and fro to give orders, wch made severall battalions suffer much for want of timely relief. At ten at night we came back to o^r^ camp, where it is beleeved we shall stay some time.

"One battalion of Douglasses wth ye greatest part of English and Scotch were detach'd under ye command of ye Duke of Wirtemberg to make the onset."

The same.

Augt 4, [16]92.

I have my L^d^ received y^rs^ of ye 1st inst., and shall send ye enclosed as you directed.

The gazet to-day for o^r^ comfort tells us y^t^ in ye engagem^t^ at Enquien ye French lost as many as ye confederat, wch ye Dutch gazetts likewise reports wth this addition, y^t^ it needs a confirmation, and y^t^ tho ye confederate army outnumbered ye French by 15000, for ye French were but 58000 and ye confederates 73000, yet ye French were soe advantageously posted y^t^ ye confederates were forced to retreat wth ye loss of many considerable officers and 2000 men slain and 1000 wounded, as is reported; but ye certain loss cannot be yet known.

Tho this is but melancholly news, ye return of o^r^ fleet to Spithead is much more, because it is attributed to be occasioned by a

[a] The loss on each side at Steinkirk was about 7,000 men.

dispute betwixt ye admirall and general who is to command in cheif; and ye enterprise is thought to bee more hazardous y^n^ y^t^ of Enquien.[a] But severall lords, Nottingham, Devonshire, Dorset, and others, are gone to Portsmouth to accommodat ye business. And, w^n^ y^t^ is done, ye success of ye discent and ye conquest of France is not to be doubted of by any but some silly Jacobites, who are soe incredulous they have noe faith in ye modern Merlin's prophesies.

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^

very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

MY L^d^, Aug. 10, [16]92.

We have had noe intelligence this fortnight w^t^ wase become of o^r^ great fleet and all our transport shipps, but ye Gazett this day tells us y^t^, God be praised, they [are] all safe in ye Downs; and I doe not hear y^t^ in this glorious expedition we have lost many men. But there is very terrible news from Jamaica, where an earthquake and hurrican hath been and in less than 2 minuits destroy'd and sunke ye greatest part of Port Royall with all ye factories, store-houses, and magazins. It is said ye church is sunk 6 fathom under water; that ther and in other places of ye island above 5000 people are destroyed; and y^t^ ye whole island wase under a dreadfull consternation when ye last letters came away, fearing ye return of ye earthquake and least ye Moores and slaves shou'd, according to ye example of others, rebell. The Swan frigot and severall vessels in port in Jamaica are destroyed. I and my wife are to y^r^ Lo^ppe^ and all at Kirby most faithfull and humble servants.

C. HATTON.

[a] The expedition was fitted out for a descent on the French coast and actually put to sea; but the project was given up at a final council of war.

Sir Edmund King.

My Lord, Sept. 8, [16]92.

I cannot be satisfied but to send this to enquire how yor Lord^{p} and yor familie does, and how Mr Hatton is since my laste to yor Lord^{p} y^{t} I writ in answere to yor Lord^{ps} concerning his illness, and to enquire if you have felt anything of a frightfull earthquake we have had here this Thursday, about 2 a clock. I had been out of towne, just come home; and, as I was at dinour in my dineing roome (one paire of stairs), on a suddaine the table and room shakt, put us all into a strange confusion. My wife said: "Mr King, w^{ts} this?" Her woman y^{t} was at diner wth us started from the table, as pale as death, and cri'd: "Oh! an earthquake!" I rise from the table too in the universall motion I saw and felt; it lasted about a minute and halfe. Whilst we was talking of it, a neighbour cam in and ask't if we perceivd anything of an earthquake, for a great many gentlemen came running into the coffee house, pale and frighted, out of their houses, and the women and children in great numbers cam runing out of theire houses too into the street in great amazment; and it's the wholl talke now all the towne over; much more frightfull than w^{ht} we felt. Some say the Exchange in Cornhill was heard to crack; and the people cam runing downe from thence, for fear it should fall. I have been since at Westminster wher was the same alarm; and a message from Kensington about the same thing ther. You'l here more of w^{t} is past. I pray God we may have no 2^{d} part of it. But all pray God to keep off the judgments we have deserv'd. This is a serious thing, and so thought of by yor Lord^{ps} faithfull humble servant, Edm. King.

Charles Hatton.

September 10, [16]92

We had here, my L^{d}, last Thursday, at 55 minutes past 2 of ye clock in ye afternoone, an earth-quake, ye effects of wch were more

or less felt, not only over all London and Westminster but, it is reported, as far as Canterbury and Cambridge. I hope y^r Lo^ppe wase free from it at Kirby. I wase at home; but none in my little house were sensible of it, wch occasioned my not mentioning it to your L^ppe. In all places those who were highest were most sensible of it. A person of very great truth and sincerity assured me his bookes, wch were on shelves in his chamber, were flung down. Mr Lownds in ye Pell-Mell, a watch maker and very honest man, did averr to me y^t all his clocks did soe shake he thought they wou'd have fallen down. In severall places all ye people ran into ye streets out of their houses in great distraction, and in many places ye corner houses in ye streets were seperated from ye adjacent houses.

Last Thursday Admirall Russell came to town, but very privately, to avoyde ye triumphall reception he much feared wou'd have been made for him, and for ye like reason chose to come by Hampton rather then Portsmouth. But I doe not heare of any triumphant arches wch were making for him, neither for routing 44 French shipps wth 90 saile, nor for saving ye fleet by disobeying his orders by refusing to comply wth y^m, wch his friends ye commonwealth men say wase ye most meritorious and deserved better to have a marble statue erected for him then his first, tho upon y^t account his relations had agreed for one. But it's thought his humility will not let him comply wth their desires; for he is soe humble he declares he will resign up all his publick employments, and not yeild, as he did this last summer, to any pressing importunity to take any publick imployment upon him, till he can better doe service for ye good of ye commons of England then he finds in this juncture of afaires he can.[a]

The next week ye Ld Brudnells daughter[b] is to be married to my Ld Newborough.

The act of parl^t for staving French wines is expired, and severall privateers are gone out in hopes of meeting with some nere y^e

[a] Russell was dismissed early in the following year.

[b] Frances, daughter of Francis, Lord Brudenell, son of Robert, Earl of Cardigan.

coastes of Bourdeaux. Captne Cotton writes to me very pressingly to move yr Loppe to endeavour to obtaine for him a shippe to cruise in this winter, wch if he can obtaine he engages to furnish yr Loppe wth some tunns of French wines. Those are his words, and I verily beleeve he doth not doubt but to be enabled to performe his promise. I am

Yr Lopps very humble servant,
C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

November 12, [16]92.

I have, my Ld, enclosed ye votes of Thursday and yesterday, for this day's votes you must not exspect till Tuesday's post. Yesterday it wase moved in ye H. of C. yt it shou'd be voted yt this day the non pursuing ye famed victory at sea shou'd be enquired into. But Mr Montague told ye house he was surprised yt motion shou'd be made, for it seemed to reflect upon ye victorious admiral who he thought had merited ye thankes of ye House; to wch ye House agreed, and voted him thankes, wch accordingly he had. After wch it wase declared yt, ye House haveing therby manifested their satisfaction in his conduct, it cou'd not reflect upon him to enquire into ye non pursuit of ye victory; and accordingly they did this day, and have made some progress therein, and have, for their farther satisfaction, voted Sr Jo. Asby[a] to be sent for.

The Lords are still upon ye first business they entred upon, and have treated soe roughly ye worthy Aaron Smith, yt ye modest man takes it soe much to heart yt an affidavit wase this day made in ye H. of Lds that he wase not in a condition to appeare as he wase required.

I and my wife are to yr Loppe, Lady Hatton, and all at Kirby, most faithful servants. C. HATTON.

[a] Admiral Sir John Ashby, who was present at La Hogue.

The Countess of Nottingham.

The 13 of December, [1692].

I am very glad to heare that y^r^ Losp. and all are well at Kirby. I thinke I shall never meet wth Mrs Portman, for I have been several times to waitt on her, and she done me the favor to come to me, but wee have both always been gon out.

We have but little news here except of killing. That wretched creature my Lord Mohun,[a] who is not sixteen years old tell April next, about a fortnight agoe was in a drunken quarrel wth my Lord Kennedy;[b] on Friday night, wth one Hill[c] about his one age, killed poore Monfort[d] the player, and, as tis related, very barbarously.

I wont this post trouble my Lady, nor this time y^r^ Losp. more w^th^

Y^r^ most obedient duttyful daughter,

A. Nottingham.

Charles Hatton.

Jan 24, [16]9⅔.

I suppose, my L^d^, ye votes herein enclosed will much surprise, for therby it is ordered that K[ing] W[illiam] and Q[ueen] M[ary] Conquerours and Dr. Burnett's Pastorall Letter are to morrow to be burnt by ye hangman.[e] God's Way of Disposing of Kingdomes, by ye B^p^ of St Asaph,[f] very narrowly escaped ye like destiny. Amonst those who signalized their favour to Dr. B. in speaking in his behalf

[a] Charles, fifth, and fortunately last, Lord Mohun.

[b] John, son of John Kennedy, seventh Earl of Cassilis. He died before his father.

[c] Captain Richard Hill, who absconded.

[d] William Mountford.

[e] The tract entitled "King William and Queen Mary Conquerors" was written by Charles Blount. Burnet's Pastoral Letter contained a paragraph, the language of which bore some resemblance to that of the pamphlet. See Macaulay's account of the affair.

[f] "A Discourse of God's Ways of disposing of Kingdoms." London, 1691. Sm. 4to.

ye late Ld Justice Conisby[a] appeared very zealously, and said y^t, tho their were some expressions wch might give offence, yet ther were many excellent things in y^t booke, and, therfore he hoped that they wou'd only censure ye passages wch gave offence and not burne ye booke. Coll. Titus reply'd to him and said: "In ye year 1639, in an edition of ye Bible, 'not' wase left out in ye 7th commandem^t, and then it wase: Thou shalt commit adultery, wheras it ought to have been: Thou shalt not commit adultery; and yet ye Bible, in wch were very excellent things, wase ordred to be burnt." The Ld Ren[elagh][b] said this day ye House had taken away a letter out of B^p Burnet's name, for hereafter he wou'd only be called B^p Burnt.

Killigrew, Delaval,[c] and Shovel are all 3 declared admiralls for this summers expedition, and all to goe in ye Britania. The Ld Cornwallis[d] hath layd down his commission to be First Com. of ye Admiralty. I shall send ye paper you desired, of wch I heard nothing till you mention'd it.

I am to y^r Lo^ppe and all at Kirby a very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The same.

My Lord, Jan. 31, [16]9¾.

This day my Lord Mohun wase tryed. My Ld Danby sat as Ld High Steward. He had ye largest and finest coach and ye richest liveryes I have seen. Y^e tryall held from twelve a clocke till after five; then ye Lords went to ye Lords House to debate, and severall of ye Lords slipt away, wch occasioned a long debate whither or noe ye Lords who slipt away shou'd not he sent for by ye Black Rod and

[a] Thomas Coningsby, late Lord Justice of Ireland, afterwards Earl of Coningsby.
[b] Richard Jones, third Viscount Ranelagh.
[c] Admirals Henry Killegrew and Sir Ralph Delaval.
[d] Charles, third Lord Cornwallis.

committed prisoners. But ye great debate was whither or noe in murder all persons accessory, assisting, and present are to be accounted principalls. This debate held 3 houres, and the Lords have adjourned till to morrow morning to give their judgment; and ye generall opinion is my Ld Mohun will be acquitted.[a] I wase not at ye tryal. My Ld Litchfield sent me a ticket, but I gave it Mr Gylby.

To morrow Whitney,[b] ye famous highwayman who wase reprieved last Fryday (upon a pretence y^t^ he would discover a plot to take away ye life of my Ld Danby), is to be hang'd at ye Maypole in ye Strand.

C. Hatton.

The same.

Feb. 9, [16]9⅔.

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Ther is sent 2^ll^ of juniper seed and halfe a pound of very fresh and good bay seed, and I will take w^t^ care I can to get very good barberries and w^t^ you order further, as also ye pen-knife and canarie birds. Y^e^ right canarie birds are very scarce; German birds very common. I lately saw some very pretty birds wch were called Indian sirens, but were bastard birds bred out of a hen canary bird and a cocke goldfinch. They sing very well. The price 12 shillings a peice.

As soon as my Lord Mohun tryall is publish'd I will take care to send it you. Yesterday Young[c] wase tryed, and by impudence

[a] He was acquitted by sixty-nine votes to fourteen.

[b] James Whitney, who had tried to obtain a reprieve by undertaking to raise a troop of highwaymen-cavalry to serve in Flanders.

[c] Robert Young, who tried to follow Oates's steps as false accuser, and whose career has been sketched by Macaulay. He was tried for perjury, subornation of perjury, and forgery. He came to his end at Tyburn in 1700.

far outbid even Dr Oates. He had not a ranting impudence, but a most unparalleled sedate composed impudence, and pretends to be as great a martyr for his zeale for ye preservation of ye present governmt as Oates did for his for ye protestant religion. The jury without stirring from ye barre found him guilty; but he will not be sentenc'd till ye last day of ye terme. Doe you desire his tryal when it comes out?

Dr. Burnt hath a new mortification befallen him. Very smart and ingenious reflexions are come out upon his History of ye Reformation ;[a] ye price 2s 6d, tho but a thinne 8o booke.

A knavish wagge writ a lemma on his Pastoral Letter and sent it him:

Parve, nec invideo ; sine me, liber, ibis in ignem ;
Hei mihi, quod domino non licet ire tuo !

Here is set forth a very curious draught of a first rate frigate done by Philipps, but soe well yt it is said he wase not of his owne invention able to doe it, but stole it from a designe done by one Dammer who is said to be a great artist.

I am
Yr Lopps very humble servant,
C. Hatton.

The same.

Feb. 23, [16]9⅔.

I have, my Ld, this day sent by ye caryer Captne Philipps shippe wth ye specimen of ye errours in ye History of ye Reformation by

[a] "A Specimen of some Errors and Defects in the History of the Reformation of the Church of England wrote by Gilbert Burnet D.D., now Lord Bishop of Sarum." By Anthony Harmer [*i. e.* Henry Wharton]. London, 1693. Small 8vo.

Dr Burnt, and Sr William Temple's reply to Le Cross,[a] by wch he hath much more injur'd his fame then ye coxcomb Le Cross cou'd ever have done. And tho he sath Dr Freeman publish'd his memoires w^th^out his consent or privity, yet in his gibberish and fanfaron stile he is pleased to complement him wth ye title of Reverend Prelate, and some thinke he had much better have passed over ye misfortunes and disorders of his family then to have proclaimed y^m^ by mentioning y^m^, nor doe ye friends of ye noble Marquisse,[b] ye Ld Rochester, and others on whom he hath reflected, thinke he hath lessened, but rather encreased, y^e^ offence he gave by y^e^ slight apology he hath made. Y^e^ Dutch gazettes say y^t^ y^e^ pope hath granted to y^e^ French king y^e^ tenths of all y^e^ ecclesiastical revenues in France for his assistance to King James.

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The same.

March 11, [16]9$\frac{2}{3}$.

I received, my L^d^, yesterday 2 letters from y^r^ Lo^ppe^. Anthony Harmer[a] is Henry Wharton, chaplain to my Ld Archb^ppe^ of Canterbury, who hath publish'd severall very learned workes, and amongst others a collection of English writers of y^e^ lives of B^pps^, wch you

[a] This was: "An Answer to a Scurrilous Pamphlet lately printed, intituled a Letter from Monsieur de Cros to the Lord ——." London, 1693. 8vo. The scurrilous pamphlet was: "Lettre de Monsieur Du Cros à Mylord ——, afin de servir de réponse aux impostures de Monsieur le Chevalier Temple, cy-devant Ambassadeur de l'Angleterre à la Haye et à Nimegue," printed at Cologne this year, an English version of which appeared at the same time in London. S. Du Cros was envoy from the Duke of Holstein-Glottorp.

[b] Caermarthen.

[c] See above, p. 190, note [a].

mention. This day Dr Burnt hath set out a reply[a] in a papal haughty stile, in generall magnifying his former performances and expressing a great disgust not to have been treated wth ye great respect he claimes due to himself, but not vindicating himself from any particular falshood he is charged w^th^.

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I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The same.

March 28, [16]93.

This evening, my L^d^, about 7 of ye clocke, his sacred Majesty returned backe thro ye city wth as great silence as ye Grand Seignior marches thro any city in his territories. As soon as ye windes are more obedient then of late they have been, he returnes to Harwich. The Lord Lansdowne,[b] when ye parl^t^ wase sitting, moved K[ing] W[illiam] for 6000^ll^, due to him on account of his salary unpay'd whilst Envoye Extraordinare in Spain from King James. He wase answered y^t^ noe monies had been, or cou'd be, exspected to be pay'd on y^t^ account; to wch his Lo^ppe^ replyed y^t^ severall personns had since ye Revolution receivcd monies on ye like account, and amonst others instanc'd in ye Marquiss d'Albeville.[c] But he wase told y^t^ wase to enable him to pay ye debts he owed to ye poore people in Holland. But in conclusion he was promised he shou'd be pay'd ye monies he claimed. Yet nothing having been ordred therin, last

[a] "A Letter writ by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury to the Lord Bishop of Cov. and Litchfield concerning a Book lately published, called A Specimen," etc. London, 1693. Sm. 4to.

[b] Charles Granville, eldest son of the Earl of Bath.

[c] White, Marquis d'Albeville.

Thursday, in ye great crowd then at Kensington, his Lo^ppe^ claimed ye performance of ye promise made to him, saying he did not desire favour but demanded justice; and did it wth that importunity, he wase told he wase very troublesome and impertinent; at wch reproof his Lo^ppe^ wase soe much offended y^t^ ye same night, in ye bed-chamber, he told his most sacred Majesty that, having received such language, he wase unfit to serve longer, and therfore surrendred up all his commissions. And last Saturday my Ld Bath applying himself to ye Lords of ye Treasury for his pension, he wase told that ther wase a stop to ye payment of all pensions; at wch his Lo^ppe^ is soe disgusted, my Lady Neville sath she hears he hath resigned up all his commands.

C. Hatton.

Sir Edmund King.

My Lord, June 27, [16]93.

I never write news, because I kno yor Lord^p^ allways has it from better hands. But we are all in great paine about the Turkey fleet still, and the more because the Tholoon fleet is joyn'd Destre. But I shall not forget a storie my Ld Cuttes tolde me, 3 days agoe, of the Duke of Brandenburg just goeing to fight against 60 thousand wth 50 thousand, and all just readie, a great officer comes in mightie haste, tolde him he fear'd it impossible to succeed in such a place, and askt w^t^ he should doe. His answer was, in as great haste: "Goe on, go on; you must allways leave something for God Allmightie to doe." Soe they went on, and kill'd 10 thousand upon the place and routed the whole army. I am sure we have a great deale for God Allmightie to doe for us. At this rate I wish yor Lord^sp^ will not feare letters from,

My Lord,

Your Lord^ps^ moste humble and faithfull servant,

Edm. King.

Charles Hatton.

July 27, [16]93.

Here is come very terrible news, my L[d], from Flanders. Yesterday wase sennight, y[e] Duke of Luxembourg fell on y[e] confederate camp, and after 5 hours dispute they entred y[e] camp and have entirely defeated y[e] confederate army.[a] It is reported K. William received a slight contusion on his side with a musquet bullet, Count Solms had his leg shot of w[th] a cannon ball, and y[t] mine Heer Benting is desperately wounded. The Duke of Ormond is missing.[b] Further particulars you may exspect by y[e] next, for y[e] letters were not all deliverd out this night. It is said ther wase 20000 killed on y[e] place of battle, and on y[e] pursuit y[e] French tooke all y[e] artillery and tents; but it is said y[e] heavy cariage wase sent away y[e] day before. Mecklin is appointed y[e] place of rendezvous.

It is reported y[t] Mons[r] Tourville, having effected his design on y[e] English Streights fleet, is returned to Brest. The French privateers have taken severall colliers and severall of y[e] English Virginia shipps.

C. Hatton.

The same.

Aug. 3, [16]93.

I heare nothing as yet, my L[d], of y[e] orange tree you mentioned. As soone as I receive it I will take all care to convey it safe to y[e] caryer.

This dayes gazette confirmes y[e] report of y[e] totall defeate of y[e] confederate army; but for our comfort tells us y[t] such another

[a] The battle of Landen or Neerwinden was fought on the 19th July.

[b] He was taken prisoner, and exchanged for the Duke of Berwick.

victory wou'd ruine ye French king by ye destruction of all his officers and soldiers; but it is to be feared this last victory will not bee made much more prejudiciall to him then y^t^ of Fleury and Steinkirke wase.

The English horse have learnt of ye Dutch to run away; and it is said were much too nimble for them and far outrun ye Dutch. Mr Blaithwaite, ye secretary of warre, wase soe carefull of his papers y^t^, for feare of loosing them, he never stopt till he came to Breda.

I am,

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Aug. 5, [16]93.

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Here is publisht this day a collect, only to be read in ye precincts of ye Bill of Mortallity, in wch is a passage wch clashes wth all ye relations here printed of ye battle of Landen, for ye preservation of his Ma^ty^, in wch this collect is a forme of thanksgiving, and ther are thes words:

Blessed be God of our salvation who hath given this great and marvelous delivrance to ye King from his strongest enemy, and from them that hated him and were too many and too mighty for him.

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C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

Aug 24, [16]93.

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The great news is ye 2 great sisters are reconciled, and my Lord Churchill hath (as report sath) effected it, and y^t^ for his reward

he is to be declared Generall of ye forces here. The Princess of Denmarke this day made her visit to her sister. For joy of ye reconciliation ye bells (wch have all this summer been very silent) ring very merrily. Wirtenburg is declared Generall of ye foot in ye place of Solms killed at ye first battle of Landen.

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

October 21, [16]93.

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We are in a house[a] from whence we have soe great a prospect into ye country y^t^ out of our parlour window, whilst I am now writing, we can plainly and distinctly see ye hounds as they are hunting in ye adjacent fields, and heare ye sound of ye horns and cry of ye doggs. My wife is much pleased, but it will occasion me many a long walk, and ye stones are much harder then they were 20 yeares agoe and every day grow harder and harder, and ye last yard of ye way coming home seems much longer then ye first furlong going out.

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C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

November 7, [16]93.

Here is very great news, my L^d^, at wch many here, who either cou'd not see or wink'd, are much surpris'd at. The signet is taken from my Ld Nottingham. The most credible report is y^t^ yesterday morning, about 9 of ye clocke, Mr Sec. Trenchard came to my Ld Nottingham and signify'd to him his master's pleasure y^t^ he should

[a] In Stratton-street, in Piccadilly.

resign up his office as Secretary; wch my L^d^ declared he wou'd not doe, for he had serv'd ye King faithfully and done nothing but what he cou'd justify. Sr J. Trenchard then told him y^t^ ye King had sent by him his commands to his Lo^ppe^ to deliver to him ye signet. My L^d^ reply'd ye King might require him to deliver up ye signet and he wou'd doe it, but wou'd not send it by anybody, but deliver it to his Ma^ty^ wth his own hand; and accordingly he carryed it to Kensington, and ther delivered it up himself.[a] It is reported y^t^ ye signet wase offred to my Ld Shrewsbery, but he declined it, as did Sr John Lowther, tho what ground ther is for any such report I cannot assert.[b] But Mr Russel is declared sole admirall to command ye fleet ye next summer; and Rook, Killigrew, Delaval, and Shovel turned out. I cou'd wish my despised information, for wch I wase soe knabb'd, had been groundless.

The members of parl^t^ met this day, and after ye speech ye House of Commons adjourn'd till next Monday, and then are to consider ye speech, the substance of wch wase to express a regret for ye disadvantages ye armies received this yeare at land and ye great miscarriages befell ye navies at sea; that ye defeat at land wase solely occasioned by ye French far outnumbering ye confederates in all places; and, for ye miscariages at sea, his Ma^ty^ declared, as he highly resented it, soe he wou'd take care to punish all persons who had not done their duty, and that ye sea affaires shou'd be better managed for ye time to come. And, as ye confederates had resolved to encrease their forces both by land and sea ye next yeare, he recommended the members of ye House of Commons to take care speedily to supply him wth effectual supplies. This I heare is ye substance of ye speech, wch by ye next I shall send you printed.

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

[a] Macaulay's account is misleading, as he makes Nottingham's resignation to follow, instead of precede, the early debates in parliament.

[b] Shrewsbury at length accepted the seals in April, 1694.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

No^{br} 9th, [16]93.

I heare y^{t}, when Mr Secre: Trencher came to Ld N. for ye seales, he told him, wth ye usuall complim^{t}, that he was sorry to come of ye message, wch was, that his Matie, understanding he was willing and desireous to deliver ye seales, had sent him for y^{m}. My L^{d} replied: "Not I, before God; [I] am not willing;" and he beleeved he was mistaken in his message, that he had told ye King ye contrary, yet, if ye K^{g} commanded them, he w^{d} wate on him wth em, for he rec^{d} em from his hands and so w^{d} render em. The Secretary told him y^{t} he did indeed mistake his message, and y^{t} ye King commanded em. So my L^{d} went wth em.

Y^{e} K^{g}, after, tis s^{d}, sent for Ld Shrewsbury and told him that now he had opportunity to offer him w^{ht} he hoped w^{d} make y^{m} live together as they had done, by making him cheife Secretary again. My L^{d} acknowledged ye honor, but said there was something for him to offer before he c^{d} accept, wch was, y^{t} ye Trienniall Bill, wch his Ma^{ty} had refused and y^{t} he had appeared so in, when it w^{d} be brought ag^{n} into ye House, he beleeved so good for his service and ye nation, he must be for it; and, if his Matie did not like it, he sh^{d} not serve him agreeably. The K^{g} said he did not think fit to purchasse any ones friends^{p} and service so dear as at the expence of passing that bill, and so they parted. Sec. Trencher is declared Chiefe Secretary; and not known yet or declared who is to be ye other. I heare Ld Dursly [a] and Ld Lexington [b] named.

Ld Keeper,[c] Admirall Russell, and ye Secretary are ye governing men. I wish they may do it so y^{t} we may have peace and ease of our taxes, wch tis thought will be yet greater y^{n} they have bine.

[a] Charles Berkeley, Viscount Dursley, eldest son of George, Earl of Berkeley.

[b] Richard Sutton, second Lord Lexinton.

[c] Somers.

The same.

Tuesday, No. 15, [1693].

I heare my Ld Nott. comes yet to Court, into the drawing roome. Y^e^ H. of L^ds^ were very hot this morning of sending for all theyr members up; and there was some offence taken of some Lords y^t^ wont take ye oathes, that they were walking in ye Court of Requests, wch they had notice of and made hast away. If y^r^ L^p^ comes, as I imagine you may, I shall be ye more sorry to leave ye town before you come.

The H. of Com^s^ were very hot yesterday. Paul Foley layd open ye greevances very naked; was seconded by Sr Tho: Clergies and Titus, and there were very severe reflections; but, at length, they voted to support ye gov^mt^ and to examine ye miscarriages at sea on Wednesday, and have ordred ye Com^rs^ of Adm^ty^ to bring in all theyr orders to ye Admiralls and ye Admiralls to attend. A^d^ Russell, I heard, moved that a present creditt might be given to supply ye Navey, and it was said that (by Sr Phillip Musgrave) there was a sufficient summe given to pay ye fleet to Jan:, and that there was a proclamation that ye fleet sh^d^ not be p^d^ of till March; so he supposed there was money for it in bank. This morning the House made an order to bring in ye Trienniall Bill ag^n^, and I heard y^t^ it will be brought in againe into ye Lords House; but I think it was moved or ordred in ye Com^s^ House to be a Bienniall Bill. I cant tell if I expresse it well, but that there be a new parlim^t^ chosen every 2 yeare.

I heare they are very sharp to discover ye pensioners, w^ch^, for a jest, they say that Har: Guy is made capt. of, tho some say 'tis in reallity Ld Oxford, and Ld Essex to have his regim^t^. It was s^d^ yesterday y^t^ Archb^p^ Sandcroft died on Tuesday [a] and y^t^ AB. Tillotson has had an apoplectic [fit] lately.

[a] He died on the 23rd November.

Charles Hatton.

My Lord, Feb. 6, [16]9⅘.

We have little news, only y^t^ last Sunday morning ye Lord Mordaunt[a] had intimation by mine Here Benting that he wase dismissed from all his commandes and publick employments. The common discourse is y^t^ his disgrace proceeded from his bringing in ye bill for a triennial parliament.

This day is observed in our quarters wth illuminations and other rejoycings, suitable to ye solemnity thereof.[b] The Princess Anne her son[c] came to Berkeley House wth a guard of young youths about 10 or 12 yeares of age, all armed and clothed alike, marching rank and file wth their captain, l^t^, and ensign, and ye insignia belli, wch how nere it approaches to high treason, not being commissionated by ye King, ye judges (if they please) may determine.[d]

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The same.

My Lord, Feb. 13, [16]9⅘.

We are a very ungratefull, rebellious generation. The ominous 13th of Feb.,[e] to ye worke of wch day we owe ye present felicity, prosperity, wealth, glory, and renown of ye nation, wch I doubt not

[a] Charles Mordaunt, Earl of Monmouth.

[b] Princess Anne's birthday.

[c] William, Duke of Gloucester.

[d] Luttrell has the following: "This day being the princesse of Denmark's birthday, the Duke of Glocester will head his company in Hide park; the officers have hatts and feathers and the soldiers all red caps, and four little drakes for cannon."

[e] The date of William and Mary's accession.

but will be recorded to all posterity, and wch day but five years agoe wase thought soe auspitious that upon y^t^ account Ash Wednesday wase made a festival, yet now it hath had noe observancy paid to it but what ye noble and loyall Ld Lucas hath done by ye discharge of ye gunns at ye Tower. I doe not heare it nor have seen this evening ye expence of one farthing candle to make an illumination, nor have we one poure squibb or cracker.

C. Hatton.

The same.

March 27, [16]9¾.

We had yesterday, my L^d^, very joyfull news of ye safe arrival of ye Virginian fleet. But this day a most dreadfull account is come of ye Turkey fleet.

The Sussex, a new 3rd rate shippe, in wch Sr Francis Wheeler went admiral, wth all ye men except 2 moores were lost. Sr Francis his body wase afterwards found cast ashore.

The Cambridge and Lumly castle, both men of war, the Fortune fire shippe, the Serpent a bomb shippe, the Mary and William, both tender ketchs; 4 merchant shipps bound for Turkey, ye Great George, ye Aleppo Factor, the Italian Merchant, ye Berkshire, all bound for Scanderoon; the Golden frigat bound for Legorn; the William for Venice; 2 Dutch merchant men bound for Turkey, and one for Legorn, were all cast away at Gibraltar by a hurrican wch happened ther, Feb. 19, 9¾; and all ye rest of ye fleet most terribly shattered and disabled. Besides ye shipps and goods wch perish'd, 15000 sailors were drownded. God make us so truly penitent for our sins as may induce Him to avert His judgments.

This day ye Commons I heare have voted a quarterly poll bill.

I am y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, April 10, [16]94.

All our neighbourhood hereabouts are in great lamentation for ye death of Wilson, by some called Beau Wilson, by others Wonder Wilson, who wase yesterday morning killed in a duel by one Laws, a Scotchman. Mr Wilson, when he came last out of ye country, brought up his sister wth him and tooke lodgings for her in Berkley street, where lodged a gentlewoman who pretended to great devotion and much frequented ye churches, and therby recommended herself to Mis Wilson, who tooke notice to her brother how happy she was to be lodged in ye same house wth soe religious a person; of wch Mr Wilson making mention to some of his acquaintance, they informed him y^t^ ye pretended devot wase a wench kept by one Laws, wch as soon as Mr Wilson knew, he presently removed his sister to her aunts house, ye Lady Ash at Twitnam; and publickly taking notice of ye occasion, Laws, instigated by his wench, came last Saterday night and challenged Wilson, who, having long lay'n under ye imputation of being a coward, desired one of his acquaintance to be his second, declaring y^t^, to save his reputation, he must and wou'd fight. And, accordingly, yesterday morning he took a hackney coach and met about 11 of ye clocke in ye morning wth Laws in Southampton Square. And it is generally reported y^t^ Laws gave Wilson his mortal wound before he had drawn his sword; and ye wound wch wase in his breast had so large an orifice y^t^ many thinke it wase made wth a bayonett. Wilson instantly dropt down dead, and Laws, who was making his escape in a hackney coach, was pursued by ye boys who were playing in ye Square and seized, and is now in Newgate. It is reported y^t^ ye morning before he fought he made his will, and just as he was going to fight he tooke out of his pocket about 50 guineas and gave y^m^ to his friend wth him; and if he was killed he told him he should keep y^m^ as a legacy withall, giving him ye key of his escritoire; and engaged him to promis him, if he then dyed, to take out all ye papers he shou'd find, in ye pre-

sence of his brother, in a drawer he described to him, and without looking into y^m burn y^m. Mr Wilson lived very generously and payed very punctually all personns he had any dealing w^th, and is generally very well spoken of and much lamented. But how he was enabled to live at such a rate as he did is as great a mystery as ever.[a]

The Lord Newbury is dead and left his lady wth child, and hath given all his estate to her.[b] His brother who killed Hayward dyed in Newgat.

The enclosed will give you all ye publick news I heare. My wife and self give our most humble service to Lady Hatton and all at Kirby; and we both are y^r Lo^ppes very humble servants.

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

Augt 2, [16]94.

Ther happened, my L^d, lately a difference betwixt my wifes son at Oxford and his tutor, to accommodate wch I was obliged to goe to Oxford, wher ye Vice Chancelor[c] and ye Master of University Colledge[d] did wth all due respect mention y^r Lo^ppe. They are printing catalogues of all ye manuscripts in all ye publick and all ye private libraries in England, and if you please to send them a catalogue of y^r mss^ts they will owne it as a favour.[e] They are prose-

[a] Luttrell has this account under the 10th April: "A duel was yesterday fought between one Mr. Lawes and Mr. Wilson in Bloomsbury Square; the latter was killed upon the spott, and the other is sent to Newgate; 'tis that Mr. Wilson who for some years past hath made a great figure, living at rate of 4000*l.* per ann., without any visible estate; and the several gentlemen who kept him company and endeavoured to find out his way of living could never effect it."

[b] See above, p. 185, note [b].

[c] Dean Aldrich.

[d] Dr. Arthur Charlet, sometime Fellow of Trinity College.

[e] The Hatton MSS. are described in the "Catalogi Librorum Manuscriptorum Angliæ et Hiberniæ in unum collecti," which was published at Oxford in 1697.

cuting very earnestly ye finishing and publication of Dr Morisons Herball,[a] and beautifying their physick garden.

Here is at Vesprit's garden an aloes in flower, wch is much admired. I am glad y^r^ Lo^ppe^ likes ye Heleborus Albus Floreatrorubeate. You laughed at me when I wase at Kirby for liking it.

We have little news stirring, only that ye French privateers have in St George's channel taken ye Scarborough frigat, ye Irish paquet boat, and 12 shipps comming from Virginia, Barbadoes and Jamaica full laden. I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

Augt 21, [16]94.

We have here, my Lord, terrible rainy weather, and I hope it may be news to y^r^ Lo^ppe^ to heare of such, otherwise I fear y^r^ harvest will receive great prejudice. And, upon pretence y^t^ ye harvest is much damaged in ye northern parts, our knavish bakers here in town raise ye prise of bread.

We are in great exspectation to heare w^t^ feats o^r^ two admiralls Berkeley and Russel have done. It is beleeved there will be little done in Flanders. Y^e^ Dauphin is going back for Paris.

Here is a little booke come out wch makes a great noise, said to be writ by Sr Robt Howard, entitled The History of Religion; and, agreable to the piety of thes times, pretends to proove that in all ages religion wase (and still is) nothing but priest craft.

I am very glad your Lo^ppe^ soe well approves of Sr Philip Warwick's booke.[b] The preface was writ by Doctor Smith, who pre-

[a] The third volume of Morison's "Plantarum Historia Universalis Oxoniensis" appeared in 1699.

[b] "A Discourse of Government," &c., published this year with a preface by Dr. Thomas Smith.

sented ye booke to y^r Lo^ppe, and will in a little time another, and wch I beleeve will be a valuable one: the Life of Sr Robert Cotton illustrated wth severall sculptures of ye greatest curiosities of ye Cottonian library, and an exact catalogue of all ye manuscripts therein.[a] This day ye Doctor intimated to me his intention, when publish'd, to present it to y^r Lo^ppe, as he had all ye bookes he hath set forth since he had ye honour to be known to you; and at ye same time repeated his thankes for ye venison you had formerly sent him, wch he said wase ever very acceptable to him, and he had received none this year from anybody.

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C. Hatton.

The same.

My Lord, September 15, [16]94.

We have here very little news stirring, only y^t Huy was invested by ye confederates ye 2^d inst., and in great exspectancy to hear of ye success of bombarding Dunkirk, to cover wch by land, as also Furnes and Ipres, ye French have sent into those parts a flying army of 6000 men.

I was this day in ye Kings garden, and saw ye finest collection of amaranths and hollyoke I beleeve were ever seen in England, and, besides severall very curious plantes, a very rare and beautifull one, a tuberous hyacinth wth a blew flower, but it hath noe smell.

I am

Y^r Lo^pps very humble servant

C. Hatton.

[a] Smith's "Catalogus Librorum Manuscriptorum Bibliothecæ Cottonianæ," to which was prefixed a Life of Sir Robert Cotton, was published at Oxford in 1696.

THE SAME.

September 29, [16]94.

Y^r Lo^ppe commends Mr Dolbins walkes in his garden, but, my L^d, Mr Gylby tells me you have set up ye gate (you removed) at ye end of ye middle walke in y^r upper garden, repaired ye walls and coping, and are gravelling ye walkes; and he tells me he thinks you have made it ye finest garden in England. I am very glad you have had such fine weather to bring y^r gravel, for I suppose you must fetch it far. I lately saw at Hackny a holly-hedge round a garden about ten foot high, and all soe close a mouse cou'd scarce creep thro' in any place. I never saw in my life soe fine a hedge. I told you of a blew hyacinth without smell, soe they called it at ye Kings garden, wher I saw one single flower; but, since, I have seen ye whole plant. It is not a hyacinth, but a Lilio-Narcissus. Y^e stemme is about 4 foot high, and at ye top beares a tuft of about 40 blew flowers, in ye manner of ye Narcissus of Japan. It is truly a very stately, beautiful flower. I am promis'd some amaranth and fine hollyoake seeds for y^r Lo^ppe. I heare George Loudon hath been at Burley on ye Hill, and drawn a design for a very spatious garden ther. Here is great talke of vast gardens at Boughton; but I heare my Ld Mountague[a] is very much concerned that ye water wth wch he hoped to have made soe fine fountaines hath failed his exspectation.

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I am

Y^r Lo^pps very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, October 13, [16]94.

Here are some narcissus of Japan come, but ye flowers are all quite whithred, and therefore I desire y^r orders whither I shall send them down to Kirby. They came but yesterday morning. We

[a] Ralph Montagu, now Earl of Montagu.

have little news stirring. Ther is much discourse about ye tryalls of ye prisoners of state, who were lately brought up out of Lancashire and Cheshire and returned back again ther to be tryed. They were sent down in great parade, the gentleman porter and gentle-[man] gaoler of ye Tower attending them, and two wardours on each prisoner. The old decrepid Lord Mollineux,[a] who [is] 86 yeares of age and very infirme, is, wth ye rest of ye Roman Catholicks, to be tryed at Manchester, in Lancashire. Sr Thomas Stanley[b] and Mr Legh of Lime,[c] our kinsman, are to be tryed at Chester. The chief evidence ag^t^ them is one Lunt, who was coachman to my Ld Carington, and, ye last session a bill of felony for having two wives being found ag^t^ him, he was not long since by a warrant from ye Lord Mayor taken up, but bailed out, Aron Smith and one Culliford entring into a recognisance of a hundred pounds each for his appearance at ye Old Baily ye first day of this present session. But he never appeared. His recognisance is forfeited, and a bench warrant granted to seize him wherever found. But, he being now on their Ma^tics^ service, it is to be presumed noe person will be soe audacious as to execute ye warrant on him, either in Cheshire or Lancashire, whither he is gone to give evidence ag^t^ ye state prisoners, especially when it is known y^t^ very lately nere twenty personns, who talking of his having two wives and mentioning some other such like transgressions of his, were taken up by messengers upon warrants for conspiring ag^t^ ye lives and reputation of their Maties evidencers. A most wicked and horrid conspiracy ag^t^ ye personns of such note and deserved fame. God Almighty defend us ag^t^ all traytors. I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

[a] Caryll, third Viscount Molyneux.

[b] Sir Rowland, not Sir Thomas, Stanley. Sir Thomas was one of the commissioners at the trial. See "The Trials at Manchester in 1694," edited by Dr. Goss, for the Chetham Society, in 1864.

[c] Peter Legh, of Lyme, co. Chester.

The same.

December 8, [16]94.

Archb^{p} Lauds vindication of himself is come out, to ye great confusion of his enemies and satisfaction of his freinds.[a] Dr. Tenison is declared Archb^{p} of Canterbury, but it is said he will not be translated thither till Easter. It is generally reported y^{r} acquaintance Dr. Hall[b] of Pembrook Colledge will be advanced to Lincoln from Bristol.[c]

The letters from France say ye Prince of Wales hath had ye small pox, but is perfectly well recovred and not marked.

Dr Smith hath finished his catalogue of ye Cotton library, and when he hath ye life of Sr Robt Cotton he will send it to press. He gives his most humble service to y^{r} Lo^{ppe} and sath venison will be very acceptable whenever y^{r} Lo^{ppe} pleases. I am

Y^{r} Lo^{pps} very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The same.

6 at night. December 27, [16]94.

I have just now, my Lord, met wth an officer who is newly come from Kingsinton, who tells me ye Queen is alive but past all hopes of recovery. She fell ill this day sennight. Last Saterday, by ye advise of Sr Thomas Millington, she was let blood. On Sunday Dr Ratclif was called in. He declared it wou'd be ye small-pox, and y^{t} in his opinion she ought to have been let blood sooner, or else

[a] "The History of the Troubles and Tryal of the Most Reverend Father in God, and Blessed Martyr, William Laud, Lord Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, wrote by himself during his imprisonment in the Tower." With a preface by Henry Wharton. The entire volume was published in 1695, but portions of it appeared previously.

[b] Dr. John Hall.

[c] This promotion did not take place. James Gardiner succeeded Tenison at Lincoln.

her bleeding shou'd have been deferr'd till ye small-pox was come out. Monday and Tuesday it was generally reported it was only ye measles; but y^t^ night ye physitians concluded it was ye small-pox, wch after they were come out they fell and turned black, and severall purple spottes appeared. She spit blood . . . . and w^th^all had an erysipelas. The publick concern may be better guess'd at then expressed. I am Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

THE COUNTESS OF NOTTINGHAM.

MY LORD, Y^e^ 31 of De., [1694].

The sad confirmation last nights letters brought me of the death of my most deare mistress, the Queen,[a] gives me so just an affliction that I am but little thoughtfull of my neerest concerns. The want of coach horses has, since my Lords going, hinderd me from waitting of y^r^ Losp., and the news this last week of her illness from sending to know how you did. God has been pleased to shorten her days as a reward of her sufferings, wch in this world were not slight, w^ch^, wth the goodness of her owne nature, had formed in her so great a degree of vertu, it might truely be sayd the world was not worthy of her. A poore lamentation is all the gratitude that can be payd her now for that favor so undeservedly she bestowed on me, is all that now can be returned by, my Lord,

Y^r^ most obedient, duttyfull daughter,

A. NOTTINGHAM.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Twelfth Day, [1695.]

My Lord Nottingham has so great a share in this loss himself, that his owne affliction makes him apprehend mine. I must be

[a] Mary died on the 28th December.

excesively ungratefull to that incompareable Princess, to be unconcerned that she is gone; and yet more ungratefull to God, to be insensible of those many blessings he still continues to me. I cannot express myself better upon this sad occasion then as the Dean of Pauls has already done: We must be dumb and not open our mouths, because God did it. I have obeyed y^r^ Losp. commands to the two Lady Marys, who give you their humble service and hope I shall return from London so soon, they may wth me waitt of you. I should have been very glad to have waitted of you as I went up, but my coachman tells tis much the worse way, and, I confess, upon this occasion I am desirous to have as few delays as I can in that performance of my poore remaining dutty to my deare mistress. Essex[a] I thinke to take wth me, and the others have not yet got there mourning. At my return I hope they may waitt of you, wth y^r^ Losp. most obedient, duttyfull daughter,

A. NOTTINGHAM.

CHARLES HATTON.

Jan. 10, [16]$9\frac{4}{5}$.

I am much concerned, my Lord, to heare y^e^ paine in y^r^ arme continues. I hope, when y^e^ sharpe weather alters, y^r^ paine will abate. I cannot fully enforme you of w^t^ sort y^e^ papers are wch will be publish'd in y^e^ 2^d^ vol of Ab. Lauds vindication;[b] but I will endeavour by my next to doe it, and then send you ye prices of ye bookes you enquire after. The just detestation of ye barbarous proceedings ag^t^ y^t^ great and good man must occasion an abhorrence of all paralell procedures. It was to have been wished ye Ab^ps^ caracter of K. Char. ye 1st, p. 178, had not been too true,[c] but it must be

[a] Her eldest daughter.

[b] The second volume of Laud's "Troubles and Tryall" did not follow until 1700.

[c] The words which are referred to are: "a mild and gracious Prince, who knew not how to be, or to be made, great."

confessed he was good even to a vice in a prince. What may be a virtue in a private person may be a vice in a publick magistrate. Meekness in some personns is a desirable and admirable quality; but old Eli's meekness brought down a heavy judgment from Heaven upon him. The sylogisme, p. 35, is not true in form, but ye sence in wch alone it can be understood is very rationall. The religion of ye papists is rebellion. But ye religion of ye papists is a branch of ye Christian religion. Therefore a branch of ye Christian is rebellion. W^ch^ I think is very false doctrine; for, tho both papists and protestants have turned religion into rebellion, they have therby departed from Christian principles, wch can never favour rebellion. It cannot be supposed ye Ab^p^ cou'd say and meane ye religion of ye papists to be more then a branch of ye Christian religion.

This day ye Princess Anne of Denmarke had a guard sent to doe duty, as formerly, at her doore; and it is exspected y^t^ ye Ld Churchill and his lady will be advanced, as in favour, soe to a higher degree. He was very zealous for passing ye Treason Bill; but last Tuesday he absented himself from ye committy, wher it was caryed by 7 votes that ye Treason Bill shou'd not commence till 1698. My Lord Nottingam hath made himself very popular by arguing soe zealously for Treason Bill. I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The Countess of Nottingham.

Y^e^ 5th of Feb., [1695].

The post served me just as it did y^r^ Losp., for last night I received both y^rs^ of the 30 of Jan: and that of the second of this moneth. Heneage[a] is so well, he plays about his room, and to morrow is to take phisick. I have endeavoured all I can that Essex should have

[a] One of her children who died young.

them; and she herself has tryed if the small pox is to be catched, for the second day they were come out of her brother she gott into his room and kissed him, yet hitherto she keeps well.

I do not yet know when I shall leave this twone. Whenever I do, twill be wth less relucktancy then ever I did in my life. There is so slow a progress made in ordering the dismal ceremony of the Queens funeral, that I cant ges when it will be finishd. I was told this day that the heralds had yet a quarter of their work to do; and I fear, when there work is over, there will come severall things betwixts that and the Abby. The King sent yesterday for all the Queens chief officers, and, upon seeing of them, fell into a great passion. He told them the Queen had recommended all her family to his care, wthout wch tho he should not have been forgetfull of them, yet he had now another tye upon him to take care of them. I belive this was part of what he found written in the Queens desk. I do not yet hear of anny other thing mentioned, but I suppose this was not all.

I find it begins to be doubted wether the Princess be wth child. A little time will resolve it. The Parliment setts very late every day, but what they do is so much above my understanding, I cant pretend to give an account of it; so this time will trouble y^{r} Losp no more wth y^{r} most obedient, duttyful daughter,

A. NOTTINGHAM.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Y^{e} 9 of Feb., [1695].

The slow preparations for the Queens funeral, and the uncertainty when it will be finished, not only keps me in twone but makes me unable to gues when I shall come out. The Queens great bed-chamber is furnishing, and at last bed and all to be black velvet, w^{ch}

is not I belive the first time some of it has been used; and the top of the bed is a painted escutcheone, wch we are told for cost is painted upon silver tapy. I confess I see no difference, but in the arms, from those that hang upon houses. The King went one Thursday to Richmond, and comes againe this evening. It is sayed the Duke of Shrewsbery is to be Master of the Horse, and Sr William Trumball Secretary. To day was like to be a busy day in the House of Commons upon the Leather. How it has gone I doe not know.

Y^r^ Losp. most obed. Dau:,

A. NOTTINGHAM.

CHARLES HATTON.

March 3, [16]94.

Yesterday ther wase delivered at ye doore of both Houses of Parl^t^, to all ye members except ye bishops, a book wch makes a great noise: Julian Johnson's answer to ye Phoenix Edition of ye Pastorall Letter, meaning Dr Burnets edition of his Pastoral Letter [a] after it was burnt by ye common hangman. Instead of a license for printing ye answer, ye vote for burning ye letter is printed, and it is dedicated to ye Barons and Commons assembled in Parliament. I will give you a specimen how he treates ye Doctor. He sath ye author of such opinions as he assertes is not to be respected, whither he appears in his fiocco or his top-knotts. Johnson is noe wayes modish in changing his opinion, but firmly adheres to his darling doctrine of ye power of ye people over kings.

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

[a] "Notes on the Phœnix edition of the Pastoral Letter of Bishop Gilbert Burnet," by Samuel Johnson, who got his nickname from his book "Julian the Apostate."

The Countess of Nottingham.

My Lord, Y^e 21 of March, [1695].

I fear my Lady found it a wearisome day when she went to Exton, and they very much unprovided for her. I left them no cooke but a little boy, wch I doubt could perform but ill to entertain company. Mr Isaac, the dancing master, tells me he hears y^r Losp. had a mind to have a master to teach my sisters. Their is a German who he recommends for a sober man and very capable of teaching. His price will be three pound a moneth for each child, and for my little brother Will he will into the bargain teach him to walk and make a legg, and expects to have his charges born downe and up againe. Wither y^r Losp. has any such intention I know not; but, if you approve of this, if you please to lett me know y^r pleasure, I will tell it Mr Isaac.

Sr John Walter is going to be marryed to my Lady Stoel,[a] wch will be very happy for him. With my humble deutty and thankes to my Lady, I will end from y^r most obedient, duttyfull daughter,[b]

A. Nottingham.

Charles Hatton.

April 6, [16]95.

In my last I told y^r Lo^ppe y^t my Ld Hallifax was so ill, it was apprehended y^t he coud not live till my letter came to you; w^ch

[a] Margaret, daughter of James, Earl of Salisbury, and widow of John, Lord Stawel, took for her second husband Richard, Earl of Ranelagh.

[b] It is worth noticing, as an instance of what in the present day would be thought restraint between parent and child, that Lady Nottingham first began the subscription to this letter with the word "affectionate," which, however, she erased in favour of the formal "obedient, duttyfull."

apprehension proved very ominous, for he dyed yesterday at six of ye clock in ye evening. And I shall now give you a very true account of ye manner of his illness and ye occasion of death.

He had had, for severall yeares last past, a rupture; but wou'd never be prevailed on to weare a truss. This day sen-night he was soe well in health and last Sunday that he declared he had not been better for severall years. At supper on Sunday night he eat very plentifully of a roasted pullet, wch his lady thought not to be roasted enouf, and desired him not to eat of it, but cou'd not prevail, he declaring he lik'd it very well, and having a good appetite and digestion it wou'd not hurt him. But in ye night he was taken very ill and vomitted much, and ye next morning tooke a vomit w^ch^, when it worked, forced the cut [*i. e.* gut] out through his rupture. For 2 or 3 dayes before he had had noe stoole, and the gut being filled with hard excrement, all his physitians and chirurgions cou'd doe cou'd not reduce it, but it gangreend; wch occasiond his death. The present Lord Hallifax[a] came to him but a houre before he dyed, at what time he was speechless and, it was thought, knew noe body. But as soon as my Lord Elan come to ye bedside, tho he cou'd not speake, he reach'd out his arms and embrac'd him. Dr Birch[b] attended on him as a divine in his sickness, and last Thursday gave him ye sacrament, wch he received very devoutly, and wth great Christian piety expressed his resignation to ye will of Heaven. He hath given order to be buryed privately at Westminster.

C. Hatton.

[a] William Savile, Lord Eland. He was summoned to his father's deathbed from his own wedding. He married Lady Mary Finch, Nottingham's daughter; and died in 1700.

[b] Dr. Peter Birch, Prebendary of Westminster, and, this year, Vicar of St. Bride's.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

London, Ap^{ll} 6th, 1695.

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I came now from my Ld Weymouth who was going to my young Ld Hallifax. His father died last night about six a clock. He says his gut was gangrened where he had the rupture, wch wth ye violence of his vomits swelld exceedingly. He died with great humility and submission, and desired to receive ye sacram^{t}, which Dr Birch gave him and was sent for by him. He was speechlesse when my Ld Elan came to him, but he knew and embraced him.

Dr Busby of Westminster died last night too; and I heard an od story, that ye people in ye street, when he was expiring, saw flashes and sparks of fire come out of his window, wch made them run into ye house to put it out, but when they were there saw none, nor did they of ye house.

Charles Hatton.

April 11, [16]95.

For thes 2 last nights a great mob have been up in Holborn and Drury Lane, and let out betwixt 2 and 300 prisoners out of two marshalls' houses, where criminall solldiers and press-men were kept; and they gutted ye houses (as they call it) and burnt all ye furniture they found in them, nay, even ye doores and window frames. The souldiers who came to disperse them fired amonst them, kill'd 5 or six personns and wounded severall others.

The same.

Apr. 20, [16]95.

We have had of late, my Lord, soe warme and seasonable weather y^t^ I hope by ye next to hear y^r^ Lo^ppe^ is quite freed from ye rheumatisme.

Of late severall very eminent clergymen have here departed this life, as Dr Busby, Dr Scot,[a] Dr Dove,[b] Mr Kettlewell,[c] and Mr Wharton.[d] The last, who had been very long sicke of a consumption, ye night before he dyed, had compiled together as many miscellaneous originall papers of Archb^p^ Laud as are sufficient to make a second volume, and they are now in the press; and, as soon as they are printed, Achb^p^ Parkers Antiquitates Ecclesiæ Britannicæ wth severall additions therto, made by Archb^p^ Parker himself and his secretary Joseline who compiled them, and many very considerable things added by ye late most pious and learned Archb^p^ Sancroft, will be put to ye press; for wch intent Archb^p^ Sancroft on his death bed gave them to Mr Wharton.[e]

Your Lo^ppe^ enquired after a booke, put forth by one Trevor, of Heresies, but I cou'd never hear of any such author. But I suppose it is a tract put forth by one Turner, at ye end of a very trifling frivolous booke wch he stiles ye History of all ye Religions in ye World.[f]

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I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

[a] John Scott, Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Canon of Windsor.

[b] Henry Dove, Vicar of St. Bride's.

[c] John Kettlewell, Vicar of Coleshill, co. Warwick.

[d] Henry Wharton, Rector of Chartham, co. Kent.

[e] No new edition of the "De Antiquitate Britannicæ Ecclesiæ" appeared before 1729.

[f] By William Turner, Vicar of Walberton.

JOHN VERNEY.[a]

MY LORD, Apr 26, [16]95.

Our thoughts are all so full of the transactions of this day that I cannot forbear letting your Lordship have part of them. The Committees of both Houses have sate very close in examining those that were concerned in distributing the money of the East India Compy. Great art has been used to baffle their enquiry, and very great sums of money are yet not accounted for; but, so far as they have gon, the accusation has fallen upon the D[uke] of Leeds, the late Speaker,[b] Mr Harry Guy, Mr Attorney Gen:[c], and some others. The Duke, by his own desire, was heard today in the House of Commons; but, as soon as he was withdrawn, an impeachment against him was voted, no body speaking in his behalfe. Mr Wharton carried it upp to the Lords. The sum was 5000 guineas which was received by Mr Bates,[d] by whom this matter, after great examination, was discovered. The D[uke] did upon his honour declare in the House last weeke, when he spoke against the bill, that he was not at all concerned in this matter, and does still today assert his innocency; but yet the circumstances of the story are hard uppon him. The money was payd back to the goldsmith, last Tuesday, from whom it was received.

My Lord Nottingham has great right don to his honour by everybody, that his vertue set him out of the reach of these temptations, hee being the only person yet named where their applications were unsuccessful. I have not heard what more is don in this matter, the two houses being yet sitting.

Your Lordship will easily imagine what distraction this matter causes, and theirfore I need not give you any farther trouble to

[a] M.P. for Leicestershire. [b] Sir John Trevor. [c] Sir Edward Ward.
[d] Charles Bates, an agent. See Macaulay's account of the affair.

repeat it; but beg your Lordship's pardon for the trouble I have given you, who am your Lordship's

Most obedient servant,
J. VERNEY.

SIR EDMUND KING.

MY LORD, Feb. 25th, 169⅝.

Tho it's impossible but you must have heard of the great mercie of God in discovering a barbourous and villainous plott lay'd to assasinate King William, yet, we being hear full of it and in the midst of search and enquirie after those y^t^ were to act it, I cannot but acquaint yor Lord^p^ w^t^ is generally known by the confession of some of those 15 y^t^ are taken. It's to long to tel all we hear. It was intended to be done on Tuesday last at Richmond, wher the King had appointed to be, but had some intimation of it (he kept it close); and ther was 40 batalions readie at and near Callice with tr[ans]port ships and [men of] warr to cruyse [about] and land as [many a]s they had . . . . . But [he] disappo[inted them] . . . . . [a] as he cam[e fr]om St James chapp[el] to return to Kensington between the gate y^t^ com's out of St. James Park and Hyde Parke Gate. But he, haveing 3 or 4 letters successivlie sent him y^t^ did agree in the matter intended, and a particular won from Holland, from the Duke of Wirtimburg, he was convinct, and took care to send and seiz 9 or 10 of them in theire bedds, at 2 or 3 a clock in the morning, Sunday last, and double all the guards, by 4 or 5 at a time, without beating any drumms or making any doe; and forbore coming to St James, as was expected. But imediatly early calld a counsell, and at night a

[a] The letter is injured.

counsell of war and the Admiraltie, and sent away Admiral Russell in the night and my Lord Barkley another way (and my L[d] Rumney[a] to Dover etc.), w[th] necessarie orders to the fleet, and went Monday morning to the Parliament house. The rest I leav to the inclos'd prints to inform yo[r] Lord[p] as you will see. The Dutch were informd of it, and have sent us 19 men of war into the Downes, and we have 25 redy to joine em, and the D. of Wirt[imburg] is sending 10000 men. Besid's I hear y[e] K. has sent for 12000 [men] from Flanders and ordered . . . . . to the present government, will now . . kno, if they can, w[t] was their expe[die]nt y[t] we should not have been ten times worss, if they had succeeded. However, Ile say: "Blessed, blessed be God! they did not." You cannot imagine how this has renewd the affections of the generallite of the people to this King. The D. of Barwick is said to be in towne, as youl see by the proclamation. I finde some names I am sorrie for amongst em.

The votes of yesterday are not yet out.

John Verney.

My Lord, March 5 : [16]9⅘.

I believe you are very much alarumed in the country at the noise of this plot. The conspirators against the King's life will be tried the next weeke. 'Tis sayd by every body that the evidence against them is full and unquestionable. Mr. George Porter[b] is one of those that confesses the King owes the discovery of the French preparations to invade us chiefly to the Duke of Wirtemberg. 20000 foot

[a] Henry Sidney, Earl of Romney.

[b] One of the conspirators, who turned evidence.

and 6000 horse were the forces designed, and about 26 men of war to cover the descent. Admirall Russell is now endeavouring to burn those small ships which ly at Calais. Our fleet is now so great that it is impossible for them to proceed in their attempt, and they will have great difficulty to secure those ships that ly out of Dunkirk; so that we look uppon their design as intirly disapointed, and have reason to rejoice at it, because it would have made England the seat of the war, and what confusion and ruine would have attended that is easy to guess.

This matter has produced two Associations little differing from one another. I was present at the debates in both Houses. In ours it was passed and opposed with more heat and fier I ever saw there before, and the next day refused to be signed by 95, who, each of them, generally declard that they did not refuse it for what was contained in it, but for the manner it was obtruded uppon them, which they sayd was unparliamentary; and, when they expressd themselfes without doors, they termed it a trick.

In your Lordship's House the debates were regular and very fine, and as those who stumbled at the word Rightfull gained their point in having it explained to be According to law, so they admitted the words added by my Lord Rivers[a] concerning the pretended Prince of Wales. When they came to the division, it was very particular; for my Ld Nottingham, my Lord Thanet and others, who have since refused to sign, divided with my L^ds^ Monmouth, Tankervile, &c. who pressed it. They were Not Content; but the Contents carried it by a great majority. It has been refused their I think by 16.

Our Association I find will be sent and recommended in all countys and boroughs; and I find the world here inclined to judge of affection, or disaffection, to this government by its reception.

I beg your Lordship's pardon for this long letter.

I am your Lordship's obedient servant,

JOHN VERNEY.

[a] Richard Savage, fourth Earl.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

My Lord, Monday, March 16th, 169⅝.

I had 2 messengers came hither on Satturday, and they brought the constable with em to search for me by a warrant from ye Council, upon suspicion of high treason, and to bring me before them to be examined. They are just at ye hall doore. After he had shewd me his warrant, he told me he had order to be civill to me, and so, if I wd give him my word and honour to meet him at London, he wd take his leave on me; for yt he must return to Hereford, where he left a prisoner that he had committed there to goale and who he must take more charge of and go wth himself to London. But, after, he resolved to come back hither, or his deputy yt was wth him, and go wth me to London, for feare I might be stopt on ye roade, there being such strict enquiry of all yt passe. He was doubtfull if I might not be taken into [fresh] custody, and so, after they d[ined], he left me, and I am not to expect ym or one of em again till ye later end of this weeke; and I find they are in no hast of my going to town, it may be that I may continue ye longer in his hand to encrease his fees. I wish yr Lp may continue yr retirement wth more quiet in these evill times, wch God amend.

Charles Hatton.

May 12, [16]96.

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Dr Smith his life of Sr Robt Cotton wth ye catalogue of ye library is now finish'd and printed at Oxford, but severall lines are struck out by ye inquisitors ther in a compliment to a bold Scot,[a] to whose fioccoes they thought he had not pay'd sufficient respect by discovering some of his prevarications in not transcribing faithfully

[a] Burnet.

severall things he hath published out of ye Cotton Library. Dr Smith will very soudainly send y^r^ Lo^ppe^ one of his bookes in quires; want of money not permitting him to present them any otherwise to any person.

C. HATTON.

SIR CHARLES LYTTELTON.

Hagley, March 9th [16]9⅘.

I told you but yesterday y^t^ I w^d^ let you know how ye commissioners dealt w^t^ us in our taxes, and last night the assessors came to let me know they had made severall exceptions, but most particularly in my concerns; for they wou'd not be sattisfied but that they sh^d^ charg me 2^ble^ as a reputed papist, tho' they assured them I went constantly to church, and that I had bid em say, if they were asked, I had taken ye oath and Test, as I really did and must, or I could not have bin so long Govr of Sherenesse in ye present Gov^mt^. Yet this it seemes was not sufficient, and I must be charged 2^ble^, wch I suppose they have no power to impose on me; for ye Act says all papists or reputed, not having taken ye oaths, is to pay 2^ble^, unlesse they shall &c. So I have this day writt to them myself, to assure y^m^ I have taken ye oath, and, if they require it for theyr further sattisfaction, I will send for a certificate from ye record in ye Court of Chancery, where I was sworn and signed the role; but, if this will not do, I shall advise if I may not insist on it, and, if they do destraine, whether I may stand the triall. For I know 'tis done to affront me and to pick a thank by a pragmatick shopkeeper, and a broken one as they say among em. I suppose, having really taken ye oath allready, my insisting on it now will not be construed in law for refusing it, and so consequently bring me under a conviction.

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CHARLES HATTON.

May 22, [16]97.

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Notwithstanding ye dearness of paper, ye paper warre goes on betwixt Dr Stillingfleet and Mr Lock. Y^e^ D^r^, in his excellent book ag^t^ ye Socinians, had attak'd Mr Lock, who wth great acuteness and seemingly very complimentall did very sharply reply to ye Doctor, who hath very seveerly retorted againe upon Mr Lock.[a] And Dr Sherlock in a late printed sermon hath made warre wth ye philosophers, in wch he pretends philosophy is very prejudiciall to faith. I cou'd wish Mr Lock and Dr Stillingfleet were reconciled, of wch I feare ther is noe probability; and y^t^ Mr Lock wou'd undertake Sherlock, wch if he did he wou'd handle him as sharply, tho not soe roughly, as Dr South did ;[b] for Lock is a very ingenious, acute, and gentle writer.

Here is a new history of China writ by ye Pere le Conte,[c] translated out of French and very well approved of. Dampier's Voyage takes so wonderfully, 2 editions are already sold of, and he tells me he is fitting ye second part for ye press.

I have of late been very much troubled wth y^r^ Lord^pps^ distemper, gravell and gripes, wch have for thes 10 dayes confined me to my chamber, but I am now much better and alwayes

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

[a] Stillingfleet's "Discourse in Vindication of the Trinity" was answered by Locke's "Letter to Bishop Stillingfleet concerning some passages relating to his Essay," &c. ; and the war was carried on for some time.

[b] In his "Animadversions" upon Sherlock's "Vindication of the Doctrine of the Trinity ;" and in his "Tritheism charged upon Dr. Sherlock's new notion of the Trinity."

[c] "Nouveaux Mémoires sur l'Etat présente de la Chine," by Louis Le Comte. Two vols. Amst. 1687, 12mo.

THE SAME.

May 27, [16]97.

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The History of China in ye originall French is much preferable to ye English translation. I have discoursed wth Dampier. He is a blunt fellow, but of better understanding then wou'd be exspected from one of his education. He is a very good navigator, kept his journall exactly, and set down every day what he thought remarkable; but, you must imagine, had assistance in dressing up his history,[a] in wch are many mistakes in naming of places. Y^e^ Isle of Vash, as ye French call it, and ye Spaniards Vacca, from ye great encrease of cows ther, he calls it Ash; and he mistakes ye names of many other places and ye descriptions of plants. He is wonderfuly out in ye account he gives of cochinel and achiot or roucon, wch he sath is made of ye leaves of ye flower; wheras it is made of ye seed.

THE SAME.

May 29, [16]97.

As I was writing, my Lord, to you last Thursday, I was soe taken wth my griping paines I was forsed to give of very abruptly, for wch I beg y^r^ pardon and shall now give you ye accompt I then intended about Ringrose his relation of Sharps voyage into ye South Sea, wch is called ye 2^d^ part of ye History of ye Buccaneers. About ye yeare 1680 ther came out a history of ye Buccaneers, printed in Flanders, in Spanish, pretended to be a translation from Dutch writ by one Esquemeling, a Dutch buccaneer, wch Crooke a bookseller got translated into English and printed, in wch Sr Henry Morgan was represented as a very barbarous pyrate. Sr Harry

[a] "A New Voyage round the World," by William Dampier. London, 1697, 8vo. Two additional volumes followed later.

brought his action ag^{t} Crooke, proved all he did was by virtue of a commission of ye Governor of Jamaica and ye Kings authority, and recovred 300^{ll} or 400^{ll} damage from Crooke, about y^{t} some I am sure Crook himself told me. After w^{ch}, his History of ye Buccaneers wase looked upon as fabulous and sold for noe more then wast paper. But Sr Harry Morgan being return'd to Jamaica, and Sharp and his comrades their voyage into ye South Sea making a great noise, and Sharps journal being printed and selling very well, Crooke agrees wth Ringrose, who had been a buccaneer wth Sharp, for a relation he had of ye exploits done in ye South Sea by Sharp and other pyrats; and, to make some recompense to Sr Henry Morgan, he was mentioned very honorably, and Ringrose his booke stiled ye 2^{d} part of ye History of Buccaneers, and is generally sold wth ye first, they being both printed in 4to.[a]

The first part of ye History of ye Buccaneers wase put forth in French wth some variations and aditions, pretended to have been writ in Dutch by one Oxemelin.[b]

Sr John Narborough's Voyage was about five yeares agoe, as I thinke, printed for Smith and Watford, in an 8° volume,[c] together wth Martins voyage to Spitsbergen[d] and other voyages, wch have sold very well, as also another booke of voyages by Ran Wolfius and others.

[a] "Bucaniers of America: or a True Account of the most Remarkable Assaults committed of late years upon the Coasts of the West Indies by the Bucaniers of Jamaica and Tortuga, both English and French. Wherein are contained more especially the unparallel'd exploits of Sir Henry Morgan, our Jamaica Hero.... Printed for William Crooke." London, 1684, 4to. The second volume contains "The Dangerous Voyage and Bold Attempts of Captain Bartholomew Sharp and others" from the journal of Basil Ringrose; 1685.

[b] Alexander Olivier Exquemelin. "Histoire des Avanturiers qui se sont signalez dans les Indes," &c. Paris, 1686, 8vo.

[c] "An Account of several late Voyages and Discoveries to the South and North." London, 1694, 8vo.

[d] Frederick Marten. Observations on his voyage to Spitzbergen and Greenland were printed with Narborough's Voyages.

Dampier is sensible of many mistakes he hath made, and in his next volume he will correct them; wch he very honestly wou'd not doe in ye 2^d^ ed. of his first volume, for y^t^ wou'd have been to ye prejudice of all who had bought his first volume.

Dr Wakes[a] character of ye temper and discretion of many of ye present clergy is suitable to their and his desserts. He wou'd make a rare vice-president for an inquisition; and what bookes and authors his pen cannot answer, fire and faggot shou'd.

Unless it be some disputations of our fiery zealots, playes, news-pamphlets, and pulpit pamphlets, ye parliam^t^ tax on paper and printing and all forreign bookes will prevent ye sale of all others. Severall foreign bookes are come over, but most, if not all, will be returned back.

Tho I am now much better then I was last Thursday, I cannot brag, for I am still much griped but ever y^r^ Lo^pps^

very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

My wife did design to have given her most humble service herself, but her collick in her stomach will not let her; but she joynes ye presentm^t^ of hers to mine both to y^r^ Lo^ppe^, Lady Hatton, and all at Kirby.

This day hath been kept wth great solemnity in all places but ye churches. Most of ye parsons had a burr in their throats; they cou'd not preach.

The same.

Aug. 7, [16]97.

I am very glad, my Lord, to heare y^r^ eyes are better, and y^t^ my Lady Hatton and all at Kirby are well. I have been very much indisposed, either continually tormented wth gripes or, when y^t

[a] William Wake, Dean of Exeter; afterwards Bishop of Lincoln, and Archbishop of Canterbury.

humour is stopp'd, wth an intollerable headach. I was this afternoon to see ye few best plants yet remaining of ye noble collection of plants at Hampton very well painted by one Bugdan, a Hungarian and excellent painter of fruits and flowers. I saw a cereus or sort of prickly Indian figg wth a most wonderfull flower, differing from all ye flowers I ever saw; the lilium superbum in flower, as also ye corall tree, and one of ye small sorts of aloes wth a scarlet flower, and severall very fine tulipps, painted from tulipps growing in my Lord Dovers[a] garden at his house in ye country, for whom Bugdan hath painted severall very large and curious pictures of flowers for my Lords house here in town. But having lately, wth old Mr Evelyn, seen Montague House, I doe not think my Lord of Dovers pictures of flowers comparable to ye flower pictures in Montague House.

Having given you an account of some pictures I have seen, I shall tell you of a very large rattle-snake I saw alive, lately brought over from Virginia. It is very curiously couloured and strip'd. We look'd on him till, by rattling his tayle much louder then I cou'd have imagined he cou'd, he gave notice y^t^ he was angry and ready to fly at us; to prevent w^ch^, ye lid of ye chest he was in was clap'd down.

Mr Evelyn is putting forth a book in fol^o^ of English medallions,[b] in imitatation of ye Histoire Metallique du Holland. But he can heare of soe few y^t^, instead of medailles wth ye inscriptions and reverses, he is forced to make up his booke wth severall discourses relating to y^t^ subject. His book hath been long in ye press and is not yet ready to come out, ye medailles being not yet all engraven. If y^r^ Lo^ppe^ hath any or cou'd procure any relating to any eminent English person or any action done in England, if y^r^ Lo^ppe^ wou'd please either to send a design of ye meddail or lend ye meddail to be here designed, it shou'd carefully be restored wth thankes. Mr Evelyn desired me and all his acquaintances here in town to try w^t^ medailes they can procure to illustrate his worke.

[a] Henry Jermyn, Earl of Dover.

[b] "Numisma ;. a Discourse of Medals, ancient and modern." London, 1697, folio.

I choose rather to entertaine y^r Lo^ppe wth these things then publick news wch is very fabulous. I remember Johannes della Casa in his book De Officiis sath: Impudence in courtisanns is noe fault, for it is absolutly necessary for their carying on their trade, wch he justly condemns. The like apology is ye best can be made for our publick newsmongers. I am

Y^r Lo^pps very humble servant,
C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

September 2, [16]97.

I have this day, my Lord, been at Hampton Court, wth Dr Udall, to see all ye fine plants ther, but, tho I saw severall very curious ones, yet ye pleasure was much abated by ye regret for ye loss of a great many very choice plantes, wch I saw when I was formerly ther. But ye sight best pleased me was ye cartoons by Raphael, wch are far beyond all ye paintings I ever saw. They are brought from ye Tower and hung up ther, and are copying for my Lord Sunderland. I am invited to goe, this day senight, to Dr Udalls at Enfeild, and, if y^r Lo^ppe wou'd be pleased to favour me wth a peice of venison to present him w^th, it wou'd be a very great favour, and I shou'd not doubt to procure you, next spring, some choice plants from him. Of all ye hardy plants I saw at Hampton Court, I saw none I liked better then ye Swedish juniper they had from Dr Udall. I hope y^r Lo^pps thrive wth you. I am &c.

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

December 4, [16]97.

My wife, my Lord, did last Thursday return her most humble thankes to y^r Lo^pp and my Lady Hatton for y^r obliging present of excellent venison, and gave an account how she had dispos'd of it.

To hers I now, my Lord, add mine, being prevented writing then by going to see ye fireworkes, for wch ther had been soe long and costly preparations.[a] I was very desirous to see y^m^, but, not knowing whither conveniently to goe, I had given over all thoughts of seeing them, and my curiosity was quite abated; but ye day they were to be I had 3 or 4 tickets sent me, and by my wifes earnest persuasion I went; but my curiosity was as little satisfyed as any person's ther. It is generally reported ye expence for them amounted to 12000^ll^. Ther was in St James's Square a sort of triumphall arch built, but very ill design'd, on ye topp of wch were 4 figures made of wood and painted, one at each corner, and, had ther not been ye names of w^t^ they were design'd for, noe person cou'd have guess'd what they were meant for. Peace out of a cornucopeia flung out rockets of wild fire. Conduct had a death's head in one of her hands. Concord held in a dish a flaming heart; and Valour had by it a ravenous lyon. The whole was an emblem. Ther was a great unnecessary expence of treasure; severall killed; a vast number of crackers; and all ended in smoake and stinke. Sr Martin Beckman hath got ye curses of a great many, ye praises of noebody. Ther was only a vast number of chambers shot of, and a prodigious number of serpents and large rockets, the cases and sticks of wch were soe large that, when they fell down, killed assuredly 3 or 4 persons, hurted many more. One falling upon ye Lord Hallifaxes his house broke quite thro ye roofe, but hurt noebody. Mr Portman and his lady were ther. My Lord denyed noe person who asked leave to come into his house.

Mr Secretary Trumball hath resigned ye seales, and is succeeded by Mr James Vernon. The House of Commons are adjourn'd till Tuesday. Upon a motion of y^e^ Lord Mulgrave, y^e^ lords have voted an address to his Sacred Majesty.

I am y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

[a] To celebrate the peace secured by the Treaty of Ryswick.

The same.

Jan. 4, [16]$9\frac{7}{8}$.

I must, my Lord, write much breifer than I intended, for I have been hindred by a dreadfull sight, seeing all Whitehall reduced by fire to ashes. About five of y^e^ [clocke] this evening, we saw from my house a great fire towards Westminster. Upon enquiry I heard it was in y^e^ Ld Portlands lodgings, in Whitehall. I went immediatly to endeavour to speake wth my Lady Denbigh, to know if I cou'd doe her any service. I cou'd not be let into Whitehall nor Scotland Yard, but I sent to my Lady. She sent me word she was not afraid and gave me thankes; but, as I return'd, I call'd in at one of ye houses where my house stood in ye Pell Mell, and from thence, before ten of ye clocke, I saw all ye maine body of ye house consumed; all ye buildings on ye water side, from ye further end southward of ye stone gallery to y^e^ kitchens inclusive. I wish y^e^ Banqueting House and any part of Scotland Yard may be saved, for it now burns more feirce than ever, and y^e^ blowing up of houses is done soe unskilfully and violently, it doth great hurt but noe good. God divert his judgments!

The same.

My Lord, Jan. 6, 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

Last Tuesday I acquainted you y^t^ Whitehall was then in flames, wch burnt till six of y^e^ clocke next morning, and by y^t^ time had consumed or ruined all y^e^ buildings except y^e^ Banqueting House; y^e^ row of buildings from thence eastward towards y^e^ street; the Jewell-House and Scotland Yards; the Signet Office, and all ye buildings from thence in a direct line towards ye water; the butteryes, sellers, kitchings, ye Comptrolers lodgings, ye chappel, guard chamber, ye King and Queens lodgings; all ye whole pile of buildings towards

ye water side, from y^t^ wch was Mr Clement his lodgings to ye end of ye stone gallery; and from thence, all ye long gallery, ye Secretary's office, ye Treasury office, ye Councill chamber, ye Queens chappel, are all burnt downe. Only some few lodgings nere ye stone gallery, y^t^ wch was Bab Mayes lodgings towards ye water side, and ye next lodgings to y^t^, and some part of lodgings wch I was told was ye Lord Portlands, are left standing, but terribly schattered. The house in Scotland yard built by Sr Alexander Fraisier, and Mr Windham's next to it, are standing but much schattered. All ye rest of ye buildings in both Scotland Yards are not at all prejudiced. Next ye water side ther are noe buildings standing, except from Sr Stephen Fox his house to ye Ld Godolphins lodgings, inclusive, wch are not prejudiced. The Ld Montague lodgings are burnt down, but his fine pictures and furniture saved. The fire broke out betwixt 3 and 4 of ye clocke in a garret in ye lodgings, as some say, of Collonel Stanley, next to ye Lord Portland, occasioned by a Dutch serving maide laying a sack of charcoale soe nere ye fire it all tooke fire, and ye servants hoped to quench it without any help from others, but it increas'd soe violently it occasion'd ye ruine of ye whole pallace. All persons were intent to save their goods, and all ye gates were lock'd up to prevent ye mob coming in; and, when ye houses were blown up, most of wch were blown up very high, ye timber and rafters lay bare, and ther wanted hands to remove y^m^, soe y^t^, instead of stopping ye fire, it help'd to increase it. All ye buildings westward, joyning to ye Banqueting House, by being blown up about six of ye clocke on Wedensday morning, saved that wch remaines, as monument wher the Blessed Martyr, K^g^ Charles ye First, was murdered by his rebellious subjects. God divert his just judgments!

I am y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Feb. 12, 169⅞.

The great discourse in town is about ye L^d^ Ch. Justice Holt.[a] The Lords summoned him to appear before ye committee of Lords, who were to enquire why ye judges refused to try ye Lord Banbury soe called. When ye Ch. Justice appear'd, he told ye Lords upon their enquiry y^t^ what he had done was in open court, acting as Ch. J[ustice] of England, and therefore was not responsible to any but ye King. The Lords then asked him whither he might not answer what they asked of him. He told them: "Yes, if he pleased, but he did not thinke fit then to doe it." This did soe incense ye Lords, that they talked of nothing but sending him to ye Tower, but at last they cooled upon it and summoned him to appeare againe last Thursday; and then he told them that he never desired ye office of Ch. J[ustice], but it was forced upon him, and, whenever ye K^g^ required him to surrender his place, he wou'd willingly doe it, but whilst he kept his place he wou'd support ye dignity of it; and y^t^ he was not responsible to any but ye K^g^ for what he did as Ch. J[ustice]; if ye Lords thought he had given a wrong judgm^t^, they might order a writ of errour to be brought, and, if they thought fit, reverse ye judgment. The Lords have not as yet made any determination, but ye beginning of next weeke are to declare againe this concern.

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

[a] Sir John Holt, Chief Justice of the King's Bench. Charles Knollys, self-styled Earl of Banbury, had pleaded his peerage to an indictment charging him with the murder of his brother-in-law, which the judges had allowed.

The same.

June 30, [16]98.

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I am afraid y^r^ Lo^ppe^ doth not soe much value ye horn'd cattle I sent down. I assure y^r^ Lo^ppe^ tho ye horn'd family be of great antiquity; few can shew soe ancient and authentic a pedigree. For by ye records in ye archives of Thomas, Earle of Arundel, Earle Marshall of England, it doth appeare they were descended from those of Illyricum, wch Pliny sath Fulvius Hirpinus kept in his snayle parke. I had but 10 of y^m^ given me; and a virtuoso of Oxford beg'd 4 of them, y^t^ noe species of curious horns might be wanting ther. And I doe seriously assure y^r^ Lo^ppe^ y^t^, for snayle water or anything els for wch snayles are to be used, this sort of snayle (wch ye writers of Naturall History call Pomatia) are much preferable; ye flesh is much whiter and tenderer than y^t^ of any other snayles. And shou'd they prejudice y^r^ forrest trees, I will (for feare Mr Horton shou'd forget to tell y^r^ Lo^ppe^ w^t^ I desired him,) acquaint you wth a very curious and usefull secret a gentleman of my acquaintance hath practis'd to raise oake trees, wch grow very fast, and he transplants y^m^ as frequently and wth as little prejudice as any other trees are removed. He sowes acorns, and the 2^d^ spring of their growth he cutts of ye tappe-root, wch making but a small wound, it quickly heales up, and ye remayning root shootes out a great many fibres wch bush out; and after 2 or 3 years ye trees may be, in ye season, transplanted w^thout^ any prejudice. I have seen severall soe ordered, wch far outgrew those wch had never been removed, nay few other species of trees grew faster in y^t^ ground.

Here is a new translation of Tacitus his workes[a] done by severall persons, as Mr Dryden, Mr Bromley, Sr Hen. Savil, Sr Roger

[a] "The Annals and History of Cornelius Tacitus, by several hands; with Political Reflections and Historical Notes by Mons. Amelot and Sir Henry Savile."

l'Estrange, and others, in 3 vol. 8°. How far ye translators have perform'd their parts I know not, for I but just cast my eye on ye bookes; but they have added a great many publick notes of Amelot la Houssay,[a] who is an author for whom I have not half ye veneration he hath for himself, and his notes seem to me very triviall and trifling.

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C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

Nov^br^ 1, 1698.

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I was told this afternoon that ye Duke of Bolton, as he is stiled, dyed last Fryday. But, tho one be gone, it is to be hoped ye number of ye people in England will quickly be made up, for ye Dutchess of Grafton, who never was thought to be barren, is lately marryed to a young handsome gentleman, one Mr Hanmer,[b] ye nephew to Sr John. His mother was Sr Henry North's sister, and inherits all his estate; and it is said he hath a very considerable paternall estate.

Last Saterday night my Lord Warwick, Lord Mohun, Captaine Coote, one Docwray, with one Tully and French, were all six at Lockett's drinking till late at night, and then quarelling they called for six chaires, went into Leicester Square, ther fought; and Captain Coot was mortally wounded, being stabb'd in at ye neck on ye left side into ye body, and, before he cou'd be carryed to a surgeons, he dyed in ye chair.

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

[a] Nicholas Amelot de la Houssaye.

[b] Isabella, daughter of Henry Bennet, Earl of Arlington, and widow of Henry Fitz-Roy, Duke of Grafton, married Thomas Hanmer, afterwards Bart., of Mildenhall, co. Suffolk.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, Dec^br 1, 1698.

I herein enclose for y^r perusall a letter from Benhaddn. He was ye Morocco embassador here. I must confess I was much pleased to see ye orientall people still retain ye same style they ever had, since we had any account of them. I borrow'd it, promising not to make it common; and therfore I must desire your Lo^ppe not to suffer any copy to be taken of it, unless you desire one for your own use. It was brought over by one who was cast away on ye coast of Barbary, being bound for Teneriff, about 8 years since. He sath ther are about 250 English, Scotch, and Irish slaves in Barbary. The Emperor of Morocco was forced to buy his peace wth ye Algerians at a deare rate; and I verily beleeve Ben Haddn, who, as Isaac Voscius called him, is versutus nebulo, writ this letter, not so much out of a desire of pad-naggs and deep-mouthed hounds, and which he by mistake calls mastiffs, as out of a desire y^t an ambassador might be sent thither to [treat for] ye redemption of slaves. The Arabic word wch is translated, mightily, mightily, mightily, when spoke in praise, signifies mighty well, when in dispraise, mighty ill, and in this letter shou'd have been translated mighty well. I only borrowed ye letter, and therfore must desire it to be return'd me.

I am intirely of y^r Lo^pps opinion it is no matter to us wch of ye candidates prevails. Their very standing seems to me to be as it was a declaration, Quantum dabitis; and I thinke we need not be at ye expence to make new purchases. We have pay'd deare enouf those of ye same set we have allready. I am

Y^r Lo^pps very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

December 17, [16]98.

I sent you by ye carier last Thursday ye History of Quietisme,[a]

[a] "Dialogues Posthumes du Sieur de la Bruyere sur le Quietisme."

but it is only borrowed of a French gentleman. I cou'd not buy it at any of ye booksellers. When you have done wth it, pray return it. I didnt heare, nor cannot be enform'd, y^t^ Madam Dacier translated Florus. I am very well acquainted wth her brother Tanaquil le Fevre, who hath been severall times at my house; and he told me he lodg'd in Suffolk Street, "vis à vis le Livrre Rouge," but his Red Book proved to be ye Roe Buck.

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C. Hatton.

The same.

My Lord, Dec^br^ 24, [16]98.

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Madam Dacier never translated Florus, but she put his History out in Latin in usum Delphini.[a] If you desire it, I will endeavour to procure it. I am very much pleased to heare y^t^ not only my nephews but my neices are so good Latin schollars; and it must needs bee a very pleasant entertainment to y^r^ Lo^ppe^ to heare y^m^ cappe verses, of wch I doubt not but y^t^ an excellent choice is made before they charge their memory wth them, and capping them will fix in their minds several usefull instructions.

I cou'd not this day, being Christmas Eve, and not being very well, goe to Arlington Garden to enquire after ye fruit trees you mention. I hear a nectarin called ye Elrage much commended. As for peaches, the Ramboullet, Violet Muske, Belle Chevreuse, Alberge, Maudlin, Sion, and Newington, are ye most esteemed. Ther are white and red nutmegg peaches. Your Lo^ppe^ must please to declare wch kinds you will have and how many of each.

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

[a] "L. A. Flori rerum Romanarum Epitome. Interpretatione et notis illustravit Anna Tanaquilli Fabri filia." Paris, 1674, 4to.

The same.

Jan. 19, [16]$9\frac{8}{9}$.

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Yesterday y^e^ Disbanding Bill pass'd y^e^ House of Commons. About 11 of y^e^ clock in y^e^ morning, Sr Christopher Musgrave moved y^t^ y^e^ Bill being then engross'd and lying on y^e^ table might be pass'd. Sr Richard Onslow seconded him; after wch severall of y^e^ great officers of ye Court opposed ye Bill, and were not by any personns replyd to, till three country gentlemen, Sr Will. Blacket of Newcastle, Sr John Phillips, and Norton[a] of Hampshire, speaking in opposition to ye Bill, they were replyed to by Sr Christopher Musgrave, Mr Hartcourt,[b] Mr Harley, and severall others of y^t^ party. Sr John Packington made ye House very merry by his speaking; for all who spoke ag^t^ ye Bill brought arguments from ye dangers were to be apprehended from K^g^ James and ye King of France. To whom Sr John Packington replyed: that, if His Majestys title was precarious, some danger might be apprehended; but, his Majesty being declared to be ye lawfull and rightfull King, he cou'd not apprehend any danger, and he did not know any person but ye Bishoppe of Salisbury who had ever question'd his tittle, but ye booke in wch he did it had been burnt by order of ye House of Commons; but, for his part, he must declare he thought it below ye dignity of ye House only to burn ye pamphlett, but, if they had voted ye author to be hanged, he beleeved ye whole nation wou'd have been pleased at it. At last ye House came to a division. Ther were 154 ag^t^ ye Bill, 221 for it; so it pass'd by a great majority. Sr Edwd Seymor spoke nothing, but voted for passing ye Bill.

The House of Lords have voted letters to be sent to summon up all ye absent Lords, so y^t^, if y^r^ Lo^pps^ health will permit it, we shall have ye happiness of seeing y^r^ Lo^ppe^ soudainly in town.

[a] Richard Newton. [b] Simon Harcourt, M.P. for Abingdon.

Orders, I heare, are issued out to disband, in England, the Earle of Macclesfield's reg^{t} of horse, as also Duke Shombergh's, 3 troopes out of ye Ld Oxford's regiment, 3 out of ye Ld Scharborough's troop of guards. Foot to be disbanded: Mordants, Brudenells, and Colts, regiments. Earles regim^{t} is to be made marines. Ld Portland's reg^{t} of horse are to be sent for Holland; Ld Arrans for Ireland.

In Ireland, Cunningham's Dragoons are to be disbandad; and y^{e} following regiments of foot: Gustavus Hamilton's, Pizars, Bridges, Bellasis, and Tiffanys'.

I am

Y^{r} Lo^{pps} very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

Feb. 9, [16]9$\frac{8}{9}$.

We have had here a very terrible storme, wch hath done damage to most houses in and about London, killed severall personns, tore up by y^{e} rootes very many great trees in St. James's Park, Moorfields, and Gray's Inn Walkes. My Lord Cardigan had a wonderfull escape. Last Tuesday morning, when ye storme was most furious, my Lord being just got out of his bed, as he was dressing himself by ye fireside, a great turret on ye top of ye house, being blown down, broke thro ye house and crush'd ye bed my Lord lay'd on all to pieces. God be praised, we had only the topps of our chimneys blown down and severall tiles broke; but my wife was in so terrible a fright, she almost forgot her cough, wch of late hath been soe violent I thought she wou'd have dyed.

C. HATTON.

The same.

Apr. 18, [16]99.

I this day saw at Dr Sloan's house a sort of orange wch came originally from ye East Indies to Barbadoes, and from thence to Jamaica. It was esteem'd but a little one of ye kind; but I weyed it, and it was by weight three pound seven ounces and a halfe, and in girth 19 inches and a half. The Doctor hath sent the fruit to ye Dutchess of Beaufort; but he hath promised me to procure for me some of ye seeds, wch I will send to y^r^ Lo^ppe^. My Lady Hatton shew'd me some walking sticks your Lo^ppe^ sent up to be fitted up and varnish'd, as they were before I saw them; but ye lightness of y^m^ made me suppose them to be arbor vitæ. Pray, were they not?

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

Alice Hatton.[a]

My Lord, [Sept. 1699.]

I return my most humble thankes for ye honour of y^r^ Lord^ps^ letter. I have not yet bin any were, but at shopes and a veseting; but I believe shall be on Munday at a ball at St. Jeames, where, as they tell me, ther is a famose new danser to apere, which is to charme us all, but not make amends for ye loss of Mrs Ibbings who danced at Lincolns Inn Feild and is lately dead. But as ye quallity of ye Ladys that dance at Court is not to be compared wth so mean a person as a player, so I am shure most of there indiferent danceing is not to be mentioned wth her good. There is one Mr Colson I am shure my Lady has seen at diner wth my Unckle is going to

[a] Daughter of Lord Hatton by his second marriage.

be married, wch one would wonder at, there being nothing to be liked in him but his fin diamond ring. I beg humble duty to my Lady. I will write to her next post.

I am, my Lord,

Y^r^ obedient daughter,

A. E. H.

THE SAME.

MY LORD, [Sept. 1699.]

I am so overjoy'd when I hear from y^r^ Lord^sp^, its not to be express'd. I desire you will beg pardon for me to my Lady for writting such a short letter to her, and tell her I was last night at St Jeames, and y^t^ ther was but a few dancers. Y^e^ best were Lady Hartington,[a] Lady Betty Candish,[b] Mrs Lutteril, Mrs Godfery, and Lady Essex,[c] and Mrs Roper who was ye new dancer. Indeed she did it very well, but had too much indeavour'd to imitat Lady Hartingtons noding her head, wch is only becomeing to herself. Y^e^ best of ye men was Lord Antrim,[d] Lord Anglese,[e] and Lord Essex. But my Lord Antrim has cut of his hear, and got one of ye new fassioned perewks, wch have so much hear in them y^t^ a good one cant cost les then 60 pound, and y^t^ monstros bignes wth his lettle face did not look so well. I hear Lady Banbery is dead,[f] and y^e^

[a] Rachel, daughter of Lord William Russell, married to William Cavendish, Lord Hartington, afterwards second Duke of Devonshire.

[b] Daughter of the first Duke of Devonshire.

[c] Mary, daughter of William, Earl of Portland, married to Algernon, second Earl of Essex.

[d] Randal MacDonnell, fourth Earl of Antrim.

[e] James Annesley, third Earl of Anglesey.

[f] Margaret, daughter of Edward Lister, of Barwell, co. Leicester, married to Charles Knollys, self-styled Earl of Banbury.

Wardon of All Souls.[a] Next week Lady Ann Churchil is to be married to Lord Spenser.[b] My Aunt Portman[c] desires you to write to my Aunt Mary, to bie her a set of ye French baskets they use for a desert, and ye couler are to be white and gold and grean, and, when you get hers, Nevil desires a set too, and if you will take care to bay[d] my Aunt Mary for them, and they'l bay you again. My Aunt sayes y^t^, if you will give me leave to learn to draw, Mrs Tollett shall teach me. I desire my duty to my Lady and service to all my friends at Kirby.

I am, my Lord,
Y^r^ dutyfull daughter,
A. E. H.

Charles Hatton.

September 28, [16]99.

I shall endeavour to procure you from Paris some acorns of ye Ilexs you desire. Mr Evelyn hath been wth me, and tells me he hath a new booke of sallating just finish'd at ye press, and will be publish'd ye next week.[e] He setts up for a great virtuoso in sallating. In his booke he takes notice y^t^ juice of oranges in salats is preferable to vinegar. But ye oranges must be cut wth a silver knife, for a steele blade will give a tincture of steel to ye juice.

[a] This is in anticipation. Leopold William Finch, D.D., fifth son of Heneage, Earl of Winchelsea, died 14 Nov. 1702.

[b] Anne, second daughter of the Duke of Marlborough, married Charles Spencer, afterwards 3rd Earl of Sunderland, on the 14th September, 1699.

[c] Penelope, daughter of Sir William Haslewood, of Maidwell, and wife of Sir Henry Seymour Portman. She was sister of Lord Hatton's third wife.

[d] The confusion of b and p seems to have been a family failing.

[e] "Acetaria; or a discourse of Sallets." London, 1699, 8vo.

Last Saterday ye Ld Ferrers came to town wth his new lady,[a] wth a very great equipage. Mr Cooke and his lady caryed her mother in their coach to Barnet to meet them, and they came directly to her mothers house in Dover Street, wher they had a supper wch is said to have cost 50 pound. The discourse thereof ever since serves to entertaine ye gosseping neighbours, for at present we are here very barren of news.

I am

Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

The same.

December 12, 1699.

I am very glad beech, wch is my favorit tree, thrives so well wth you. My Lord Pembroke[b] hath heen pleased to make me a very noble present of a most extraordinary fine herball. It is ye Hortus Amstelodamensis,[c] most nobly printed, wth rare cutts of choice and Indian plants, wch are so incomparably painted with water colours, noe painted plants exceed them. Truly I did not beleeve it possible any printes cou'd be so well painted, nor cou'd they have been but that they are painted after originall paintings, and touched over after ye original plantes. It is a very costly booke. I had all ye printes of Dominicus Custos given me some yeares since, wch Mr Evelyn borrow'd of me and cites it in his Book of Medalls, where my Lord Pembroke finding it mentioned, and being informed y^t^ it

[a] Robert Shirley, Lord Ferrers of Chartley, married secondly Selina, daughter of George Finch.

[b] Thomas Herbert, the eight Earl.

[c] The "Hortus Indicus Malabaricus," published at Amsterdam, in twelve volumes, folio, 1678-1703.

was my booke, he employed severall personns, after he had had ye perusall of it, to [ask] me to set a prise on it, wch truly I knew not how to do, for it was a rarity scarce to be met wth againe. After a long and frequent sollicitation, Mr Evelyn told me my Lord President[a] was so very desirous of my booke he wou'd give me what rate I wou'd aske for it. I told him I did not know how to put a just price on it, and I wou'd not an extravagant, but, since my Lord did so importunatly desire it, I wou'd present it to him; and did so by Mr Evelyn, who ye next day brought me from my Ld Pembroke my fine herball, wch hath drawn all ye virtuosos in town to see it. And, presently after, my Lord, having taken out of Dominicus Custos his workes what printes he wanted, ye remaining part wth like generosity he sent me back.

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C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

December 30, [16]99.

Yesterday an acquaintance of mine came to see me and did much divert me wth some stories he told of Sr Francis Compton, y^r^ old acquaintance, his fondness of his new virtuous and pious lady.[b] The day before, Sr Francis came into company wher my friend was; he told them his lady was so very devout, she was every day severall hours in her closet at her prayers. And he having then seen her take up her bible and prayer booke and go into her closet, he was assur'd she wou'd be ther shut up for severall houres. In ye meane time he came abroad to divert himself wth taking a glasse of wine. Presently after w^ch^, my friend going to ye playhouse, he was fully convinc'd my Lady Compton did not make so long prayers as Sr Francis reported, for he found her in a vizard and maske in ye 18^d^ gallery.

C. HATTON.

[a] Lord Pembroke was made President of the Council this year.

[b] Sir Francis Compton had several wives, all of whose names are not recorded.

Alice Hatton.

[20 Jan^{y}, 1700 ?]

I take it, my L^{d}, as very great honour y^{t} you will trouble y^{r}self to write to me, but when I consider how weak y^{r} eyes are I had rather be wthout ye happynys of y^{r} Ld^{sps} letters then have you in ye lest hurt y^{r} eyes. I was last night (wth Lady Longuevil[a] and Lady Arundel[b]) at ye Princess's, and Lady Long: was so kind to offer to carry me to ye Oppera to day wth her and Lady Portland ;[c] but I was so unfortunate as to be engaged to go to Lady Denbighs[d] to see ye famous Mrs Binges dance, or els I should have bin glad to have waited on Lady Long:, tho I had seen it before and think it very silly. Mr Abel is to have a fine musicke meeting to morrow, and ye tickets are guineas a piece, wch is a little to much for me to throw away; so I shall not be there, and I find so many y^{t} can afford it better of my mind, y^{t} I fancy, if he had had lower rates, he would have got more. They say here y^{t} Mrs Reves is to have my Lord Leicesters second son,[e] whom Ld Romney[f] designes to make his heir. Tis to be hoped he will use her better then his B^{ro} did her sister; for, as the town sayes, he beat her wthin a week after she was married, which I think should make this young lady afraid. I have so much buisness here y^{t} I hope my Lady will excuse me till next post. I beg my duty to her, and I am, my L^{d}, Y^{r} Ld^{sp} most obedient and dutyfull daughter,

A. E. H.

[a] Barbara, daughter of John Talbot, of Lacock, co. Wilts, and wife of Henry Yelverton, Viscount Longueville.

[b] Margaret, daughter of Thomas Spencer, of Upton, co. Warwick, and wife of Thomas, fourth Lord Arundell of Wardour.

[c] Jane, Dowager Lady Berkeley, daughter of Sir John Temple, Bart., married secondly William Earl of Portland.

[d] Hester, daughter of Sir Basil Firebrace, and wife of Basil, fourth Earl of Denbigh.

[e] Thomas Sydney, fourth son of Robert, fourth Earl of Leicester, married Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Reeve, of Thwaite, Bart. ; his eldest brother Philip, Viscount L'Isle, married Anne Reeve.

[f] Henry Sydney, son of Robert, second Earl of Leicester ; created Earl of Romney in 1694.

Charles Hatton.

Jan. 20, $1\frac{2}{700}$.

Tho I know, my Lord, you have every post a much better information of all proceedings in parl^{t} than I can then send you, yet ther having lately been by accident so wonderfull a turn here, perhapps I may have heard some passages not unworthy of y^{r} knowledg, wch you have not, and therefore I shall adventure to relate them to you.

Some time since, ye E. of Pet^{b} [a] brought into ye L^{ds} House a very libellous booke, publish'd in defence of ye Scotts settlement at Darien, and pretended to be printed at Glasco;[b] and, at ye same time, moved y^{t} ther might be a union betwixt Engl^{d} and Scotland, for ye Scotts were under great hardshipps, were a warelik bold nation, and there was a young prince abroad who perhapps in this age, when it is so fashionable for princes to change their religion for a crown, might follow y^{t} mode, and, if he turn'd Presbiterian, might not only be acceptable to ye Scotts but to ye English too, as annother prince, tho educated by a bishop but a Scott. When ye aforementioned booke, wch I doubt not but you may have seen, was taken notice of in ye H. of C., during ye debate Mr M.[c] said ther was a lord who, in another place, had moved for an union betwixt ye two nations; but certainly he did it only in jest, for in truth it was only a jest. At wch it is said ye Ld Peterb. was so incens'd y^{t} he sent a challenge to Mr M. And, during ye debate in ye H. of C., Sr Edwd Sey[mour] said it was not now a proper time, he thought, to debate ye union betwixt Engl^{d} and Scotl^{d}, but, if ever it shou'd be debated, he shou'd oppose it for this reason: that a woman being proposed to a neighbour of his in ye country for a wife, he said he wou'd never marry her, for she was a beggar, and whoever marryed a beggar cou'd only exspect a louse for her portion; wch hath most wonderfully exasperated all ye Scotchmen here in town, who daily

[a] Charles Mordaunt, who became Earl of Peterborough in 1697.

[b] "An Enquiry into the Causes of the Miscarriage of the Scots Colony at Darien." Glasgow, 1700, 12mo.

[c] Charles Montagu.

cast aspersions on y^t^ knight, telling old storyes how roughly ye present Duke Hamilton did formerly affront and abuse him. Before I have done speaking of Scottishmen, I must acquaint you y^t^ y^e^ aforementioned bishoppe, differing in opinion wth B^p^ Floyd of Worcester, in y^e^ heat of y^e^ debate told him he was an old dotard, intoxicated wth tobacco and Revelations, as B^p^ Floyd did himself lately declare.

THE SAME.

Feb. 6, $1\frac{6\,9\,9}{7\,0\,0}$.

No body doth more detest than I doe printing bookes wth fictitious cutts, such as are in Knocks his History of y^e^ Island of Ceylon[a] and many such other bookes. But yet I shou'd be very well pleased to see Caesars Commentaries, illustrated (as they designe at Oxford) wth cutts well designed of all ye Roman millitary instruments, their habitts, their manner of encamping, their warlike engines, their manner of sacrifising, and things of this nature, wch may be much better described by cutts design'd from Antiquies than is possible to be done by wordes.[b] And was it possible to have true designes rightly adapted to Vitruvius his architecture, I verily beleeve your Lo^ppe^ wou'd prefer an edition of Vitruvius adorned wth such cutts before ye commentaries of Philander, Leo Albertus, Perrault, or Huzout.

Propose to any of our English booksellers proper and usefull cutts to illustrate any author they are printing, they cannot be prevailed wth to have them engraven. But, on ye contrary, give them any fictitious or fabulous design, they will be very ready to have th^m^ printed. They printed Wafers voyage[c] wth fictitious cutts very readily; but Dampier wou'd have given them a true draught of Guam prows, wch are ye swiftest vessells in ye world, but they wou'd

[a] "An Historical Relation of the Island of Ceylon in the East Indies," by R. Knox. London, 1681, fol.

[b] An edition of Cæsar with engravings was published by Tonson in 1712.

[c] "A New Voyage and Description of the Isthmus of America," by Lionel Wafer. London, 1699, 8vo.

not engrave y^m^ nor severall other curious draughts wch might have been usefull. But they wou'd not be prevayled upon to cause them to be engraven.

If y^r^ Lo^pp^ desires any more mellonn seeds from Italy, I can furnish you wth some wch I have lately received.

I saw a letter this day wch came from Rome, wch sath my Lady Salisbury[a] is recovered, but my Lord of Exeter indispos'd, but making a very fine equipage to appear wth as soon as he is recovred. I am Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

THE SAME.

May 21, 1700.

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It is reported y^t^ ye B^p^ of Durham[b] is maryed to one Mis Offley. Her uncle was groome-porter, her father a parson, and her brother is a parson. She had 2 sisters marryed to parsonns; one of y^m^ (who is dead) to ye Deane of Carlisle.[c] Whilst his wife was alive and at Durham, where he is Prebendary, she and her mother (it is thought), by their interest wth ye B^p^, prevai'd wth him to marry his last lady, and, ever sinc, ye mother hath improv'd her interest so as to pervayle wth ye B^p^ to marry her daughter, who is about 40 yeares of age, not handsome, and hath been long known by ye name of Duck-leggs. The match is assuredly concluded betwixt Dr Burnet and ye widow Berkley, of Worcestershire,[d] who was Sr Ric^d^ Blages daughter. I am . Y^r^ Lo^pps^ very humble servant,

C. HATTON.

[a] Frances, daughter of Simon Bennet, of Beechampton, co. Bucks, and widow of James, fourth Earl of Salisbury.

[b] Nathaniel, third Lord Crew. He did not marry the lady mentioned so discourteously above.

[c] William Grahme, Dean of Carlisle from 1686 to 1704.

[d] Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Richard Blake, and widow of Robert Berkley, of Spetchley. She was the author of "A Method of Devotion," which was published after her death.

The Earl of Marlborough.

My Lord, Hague, Oct. $\frac{8}{19}$, 1701.

The enclosed treatys[a] being all that are as yett concluded, I take the liberty to send them as to a friend whose judgment I much depend upon. I desire you will take noe notice of the having seen them, and when I have the honour of seeing you, which I hope may be before the parl. meets, I shall let you know my reasons for what is done as well as acquaint you with all that shall be done. For I call God to witnesse that I have had noe thoughts but what might be for the good of England. If the wind proves fair, the King will embarke in 4 or 5 days. I shall continue here till the end of this month. I am with much truth and respect,

My Lord,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Marlborough.

Sir Charles Lyttelton.

Hagley, 21 Sep. 1702.

I think I have since seen what you tell me of Mr Metwin's[b] letter. I think ye Portugall interest not much to be depended on either way, being obliged to follow ye successe of the Sp^{d} and confederates; and y^{t} of Cales will most concern them, except when it comes neerer em. I had a letter last post from Sr J. Tal[mache] at Bath, of ye 12th, and, having made his court, he says he would return y^{t} night to Laycock. He says he went to Bath from thence in ye stage coach, wherein were 3 women, 2 of which were set down

[a] The Grand Alliance between England, the Emperor, and Holland, against France.

[b] John Methuen, Ambassador at Lisbon.

at an inne in Cosham, wch was but 2 miles from Laycock. One of em was, as much as she could, disguised, as w^d^ not let him alight to help her out of ye coach. He suspected something extraordinary, and by her books of devotion, wch she left in ye coach and sent her footman for with other things, wch he looked in and perceived her religion and confirmed him in his guesse, it was my Lady Tirconnell[a] in her way to Ireland; and he says Lady Malborogh went y^t^ same day to see her and returned that night.

Charles Hatton.

June 5, 1703.

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Mr. Pepys, who was a very valuable person and my particular friend, to whom dying he left mourning,[b] is dead, and was yesterday buryed: severall persons of quality and note being at his funerall.

C. Hatton.

The same.

March 9, 170¾.

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Some time since I gave to Mademoiselle Verron some garden seeds to be sent to y^r^ Lo^ppe^; but she told me she cou'd not send them down till this day, when I doubt not but she hath. The like care I tooke to supply y^r^ Lo^ppe^ wth perry sugar and manna I have now taken to furnish you wth soape, for I have sent some seeds of ye soape tree from China. The seeds are newly come over, and some of ye trees

[a] Frances Jennings, sister of the Duchess of Marlborough.

[b] Hatton appears in the list printed at the end of Pepys's Diary as recipient of a twenty-shilling ring and mourning.

have been rais'd and thrive here. Ther are wth them some tee seed, but only for a curiosity to see them. They are not worth sowing, for they will not be rais'd here. But ye licer sativum will thrive well here, and ye mallowes in China. They prefer ye liches before any peases, and they eat ye mallowes for sallads. But I am inclinable to thinke our pease and sallads exceed them in goodness. The carob seeds are very fresh; I wish they can be rais'd in a pot set in a hot bed. It is a beautifull tree. Some say ye fruit is ye locust wch St John eat in ye wilderness, and therefore called St Johns Bread; some say they were ye huskes which were given to ye swine, and wch ye prodigal son desired.

Yesterday was generally observed here as a day of mourning, not of thanksgiving.[a] Severall sermons for K^{g} William were preach'd in most churches; and, in our market, ye butchers shopps were generally shut up, and few wou'd sell any meat, tho it was market day, they postponing their gaine to faction; from ye effects of w^{ch}, good Lord, deliver us!

I am

Y^{r} Lo^{pps} very humble servant,

C. Hatton.

[a] The anniversary of the death of King William.

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